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## Introduction

### President's Intro - John

Motorsport...All I can say is if you have not been along to a DECA of round of our motorsport championship, make sure you make time for it next year! 2011 saw increased numbers of competitors over the 2010 season.

As always, all DECA rounds were hugely popular with 45+ cars at each event, followed up by Saturday nights that most cannot remember. DECA would not happen if not for a few members taking time out to organise and for Import Monster continued support. So thanks to Bec, Ryan, Leon and the rest of the team who put time into running these days. DECA is real grass roots motorsport, it allows you to push your car to within the limits of your skill level and improve.

Racepace, MiColour and Driver Dynamics all came on board this year to sponsor the 2011 motorsport championship. In years gone by we have run the championship through the WRX club vic track day rounds. 2011 brought on a new challenge, running the Import Monster SAU Nationals 2011 track day but not only that but as part of our regular championship.

Our new invigorated committee has been discussing the possibilities of running a couple of track days in 2012 as well as the ever popular DECA events. They also have some innovative events planned, the same old cruises get tired after a while. So in 2012 we are going to mix it up a little (a lot).

I'm personally really looking forward to 2012, there are some great ideas filtering through committee, not only for the track hardened, but social as well.

John Richardson  
SAU Vic President





## Official Event Track Battle Calder Park Thunderdome (24-25th September 2011)

The morning of the 24th Sept. A date not of major significance to some, however for Richo, Martin, Paul, Russell, the boys from Red Bus Racing, Myself & that guy: Adam Newton ... This marked the start of Track Battle at Calder Park Thunderdome.

Being my first real "speed" event in the GTR, equipped with some new 356mm brakes & suspension mastery (shameless plug for Import Monster & Racepace), I thought I was ready. However I couldn't be more wrong. The test day track layout was a bit forgiving where the final layout wasn't. It was technical, fast & would require a lot of skill – of which I have none, so it was going to be interesting.

### Day 1 - 24th Sept

Was a practice day realistically with only some of us in attendance. Rich/Paul/Martin & Russ were all busy at S&own competing in the SAU-Vic Championship. Was a good chance for a bit of extra track time & seeing "where" we were all at. I was in Street Class yet for some reason I have EVO's on semi-comps with me for the morning sessions, thankfully that was sorted as corner speed with much more traction tyres meant I was just holding them up in the tight sections. It seems the 60-64 second mark was about where Street class marker would be set... I was the fastest in Street Class at this point with a 61 sec lap & most others around the 63 sec mark.

### Day 2 – 25th Sept

Remember that 60-64 second marker? Well Richo arrived & had other ideas about that & promptly set about upsetting the balance of power. It wasn't long before he was doing 59 sec laps, so

## Track Battle Round 1 Calder Dome SAU Cut 1

by ssxracer21



[Click here to view Track Battle Video on Youtube.](#)

that meant I had to step up the game to fend him off, street class battle was alive! Unfortunately Martin was having technical issues. Paul & Scott were improving greatly over the day as they became more familiar with the course & their cars.

Tuner Class saw that Adam Newton guy was blistering the field in with 55 sec laps, & Russ was also close by with 56-57s by this point. We all went to the pub for lunch & upon the return... Richo smashes out a 58 sec lap, & Newton has a 53 to his name.

Last session of the day I wasn't about to go down without a fight, last session giving it everything I had, which apparently was too much on the last lap & ended up mounting a tyre wall! No major damage apart from a destroyed S3 front lip/under tray, alignment totally out & some scuff marks, so totally cosmetic really.

Did it get me the win? Unfortunately not with Richo smashing a 58.3, with myself a 58.7

Adam took out Tuner class & Russ pulled second place. End result was a clean sweep for SAU-Vic & great day of competition overall on a very interesting layout.

Ash Cosgriff  
SAU Ex President





## Official Event Movie Night - Contagion (21st October 2011)

There was a lot of focus from radio stations and movie reviewers about Steven Soderbergh's Contagion and I believe that is due to people's curiosity with outbreaks, isolation and at least temporarily, severe life altering situations.

We had approximately 15 SAU VIC members and some of their partners turn up for the movie at Village Cinemas in Doncaster on the 21st of October. It was great to see the movie had completely sold out and our group was one of the last in, yet we had one complete row right in the middle waiting for us – just one of the perks of a group booking.

With the ads, the movie went for about 2 hours - pretty standard running time.

Contagion focuses more on the guys behind the scene of an outbreak - lots of

viral and outbreak experts jumping all over the globe trying to trace the source

and deciding what to tell the public; scientists in air tight suits trying for months to develop an antivirus. There are of course a few "every man for himself" scenes, where Matt Damon (the husband of Gwyneth Paltrow, who was one of the initial victims to contract the disease and die hours later) and his daughter are scavenging around in looted supermarkets for food, and trying to receive care packages from the army.

Over the course of the movie there is a pace that builds and builds one step at a time to find a cure as well as all the characters developing their ways of staying alive and dealing with a crumbled society, but unfortunately it all seems to just drop at the end and then that's it. You find out how the disease

came about and go home wondering what you would do in that situation. I still enjoyed the movie and was glad that I got to see it with some good mates from SAU, but because of the ending I rate it a 3 out of 5.

There looks to be some great movies coming out in 2012 so be sure to keep

checking the exclusive events area regularly.

Adam First  
SAU Event Organiser



[Click here to view the official trailer for Contagion on Youtube.](#)



## Official Event SAU Nationals 2011 (Shepparton, 29th October 2011)

The event that had been in planning for months had finally arrived – the SAU Nats were here! Skylines from Australia wide had started rolling into Shepparton as early as the Thursday before, and it was a great sight driving down the main street and spotting the many club members that had made the journey.

The track day at Winton looked like it could have been very miserable weather wise – in the lead up to the first session it was showering on and off, with bursts of sunshine, but just before it was time to hit the track, the rain disappeared and the sunshine arrived.

There was a full field of strong competitors, and it was awesome to see the many spectators who had also come along for the day despite the threat of rain.



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Congratulations to the Track Day winners:

### RWD MOD

1st Russell CUNNINGHAM - R32 GTST

2nd Luke DISTANISLAO - S14.5 Purple / Orange

### AWD MOD

1st Chris THOMSON - R33 GTR White

2nd Andrew RICHMOND - R35 Black

### OPEN

1st Matthew ROBINSON

2nd Ryan PROBERT

### RWD STD

1st John RICHARDSON - R33 GTST Silver

2nd Martin SULLIVAN - S14 Green

### AWD STD

1st Chris MADDEN - R33 GTR White

2nd Michael EICHORN - R34 GTR Silver/Jade

Once finished at the Winton most of us headed back to Shepparton for a night of partying. The After Track Party was held at the GV Hotel in Shepparton, the food was great and the alcohol supply was able to meet the demands of the many 140-150 odd SAU members and friends who came along. After a few hours of socializing, presentations were made for the track day winners and a secret presentation made to Ash to say thanks for all of the work he put in. Partying continued well into the night judging by the many sore heads I saw the next day at the show and shine.



Photography by RdS



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## SAU Nationals 2011 (Continued)

Weather wasn't as warm for the show and shine, but the rain held off – which was great. About 120 cars were entered with another 30 or so outside who's owners decided not to enter. It was decided that due to the impending rain the awards would be handed out a couple of hours earlier than planned and we would all start heading home/back to motels for some well earned rest.



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Congratulations to the winners in the Show and Shine:

I.C.E. - Julian Tugwell

Concourse - Harsh Gupta

Best Track Car/\$250 Traction Cash - Jason Vesty

Best Street- Sean Lloyd

Crowd Favourite - Russell Cunningham's R32

Tough as Nails - Jerry

Intruder 2WD - Chris Starr

Intruder 4WD - Michael Garland

Best GTST - Alan Calleja

Best GTR - Chris Sama

Best GT - Abdulkader Fakhouri

Best Stagea - Jonathan Van Leeuwen



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Best Silvia - Matt Karlsen

Best Zed - OD11 (On the day entrant)

Best 31 - John Croxford

Best 32 - Vu Phan

Best 33 - Ben Steeden

Best 34 - Daniel Chin

Best 35 - Jon Evans

Best V35 - Antonio Di Vona

Best Pre '86 - OD6 (On the day entrant)

Best Bodywork - Daniel Chin

Most KMs Travelled - Ian Swinkels - Who travelled 3,700km's from Cairns

A big Thank you to the event sponsors – Import Monster as the naming sponsor, Other major sponsors Advan Yokohama, Red Bus Racing, Just Car Insurance, go2space, Motive DVD and let's not forget the minor sponsors: Racepace Motorsport, Willall Racing, Micolour, NPC Performance Clutches, Castrol Edge, Mothers, Xforce & Traction Tyres.

Look forward to seeing you all in Goulburn in 2012!

Anna Schulze  
SAU Motorsport



Photography by Aaron Francis





## Official Event Round 8 SAU Vic Championship (Haunted Hills, 12th November 2011)



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The final round of the motorsport calendar was held at Haunted Hills near Morwell in late November. With this being the final round championship places were up for grabs

SAUVic had 15 cars entered which considering this was only 2 weeks after SAUnats was a great turn out.

A change from the previous rounds held at HH we ran the course in then reverse figure 8 format, (compared to the past with the standard forward Clockwise format) this made for a fun final round as no-one had run the course before. If you have not run this before come along in 2012 as we will be running it again

With perfect conditions (apart from some hay fever) times were dropping all day. LukeD in the Racepace S14 smashed the fastest 2WD time for the day and posted the fastest SAUVic time. JohnR PatrickR and ChrisM were all pushing the

limits for the fastest Skyline of the day, With Patrick getting there in the end by only 0.04 of a second.

We would like to thank out sponsors for the year,

Driver Dynamics, Racepace, and Micolour.

And hope every-one had fun during the year, when the 2012 Calendar is finalized we will be posting it in the Events area and look forward to seeing even more of you there.

Martin Sullivan  
SAU Motorsport Committee



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**Upcoming Events:  
SAU Nationals 2012**



2011 was massive, simply massive. There have not been as many Imports in once place for quite some time. Sponsors all very impressed with the calibre of people in the SAU community that really make it a great place to be. Also given the response from the people... 2012 planning is already well under way.

2012 also coinciding with SAU's 10th Birthday so it's going to be one MASSIVE weekend.

Dates will be between Thurs 15th & Sun 18th November 2012 and the format will be 4 days.

**Thurs – Arrive into Goulburn**

**Fri – Trackday @ Wakefield**

**Sat – 800m Airport Sprints & Dinner/ Afterparty**

**Sun – SAU Car Show... Plus More**

So start booking your annual leave now people. There will be more details to come in Jan/Feb for you to book accommodation and pre-entry up hopefully around the June marker. There will be a super-early bird price for those looking to save a few bucks.

Oh and before I forget – checkout the SAU Nats 2011 - DVD Trailer... Watch in HD!

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DM9RLKhbuSs>

Ash Cosgriff  
SAU Ex President



**SAU-Vic Motorsport Championship  
2012 Round 1**

The first round of the SAU VIC Motorsport Championship is at Calder Park Raceway on Saturday 24th March 2012.

So get your car prep'd and ready for the event with Racespace and MiColour. Get along to a Driver Dynamics day to touch up your skills and grabs some wheels and hugging seats from Import Monster.







## Member Profile Up Close And Personal



**Name:** Aaron "Sunkist" Francis

**Age:** 22

**Member for:** About 12 months

**Ride/s:** Nissan S14 SR20DET

### Modifications:

Probably easier to say what isn't modified.



### Where did the nickname sunkist come from?

Obvious, isn't it? Car's bright orange, and my favourite drink is Sunkist. A few of the other members call it a Jaffa, representing the brown inside...Sunkist is better.

### What cars did you own before the S14?

First car: Toyota Supra - most problematic car owned. Ended with the motor blowing up - 2JZ, no s\*\*\*

Second: DC4 Honda Integra - A taxi driver fell asleep and put me in Intensive Care Unit for 3 days.

Third: Nissan Stagea NM35 - Most powerful car I've owned - and awesome car that I would buy again

### How do you go from a Japanese Volvo to a coupe that thinks it's a farm tractor?

I bought the Stag because of our Audio Company, JAM Audio - was much easier to carry audio equipment in, we bought a truck since then and have not used it for what it was intended for. Thought I should buy a lighter, brighter car that I could enjoy on the track, instead of having a family car at the age of 21. Farm tractor? I thought it sounded good for a 4 cylinder...

### I noticed a lot of random cartoon stickers on your S14. What's with the sticker bombing? Are you following a trend or setting one?

Trend had been set before, some people like it, some don't. Seeing as I bought the car pre-modified, I needed to make my own additions that make it my own. I feel it sits well, represents the things that I like on the rear bar, while adding something interesting and different to the stock looking engine bay.

### What do you say to allegations you won your show and shine trophy by popular vote?

What allegations? Want a can of Sunkist?

### No, I'm a Mountain Dew person. Do you feel at all out of place in a predominantly Skyline club?

I don't feel out of place, the SAU lot are a very welcoming community.

### Much trouble from the police with all those modifications?

Haven't been pulled over once, touch wood.

### And are you in their good books or bad books?

I'd say neutral. Cop spoke to me while standing next to my car, gave me directions to where I needed to go, and off I was without any questions. Hope I don't get an EPA in the mail though.

### Princes Highway or Chap Laps?

Really? Sleep. The one time I did Princes Hwy, I was scared for my life with the way some of them drive right next to you. And Chap laps? I'm not Mohsen...

### If you saw a girl hitch hiking on the side of the road, what course of action would you take?

I would beep, point and keep driving.





**That girl was really a boy, dressed in women's clothes...how do you feel now?**

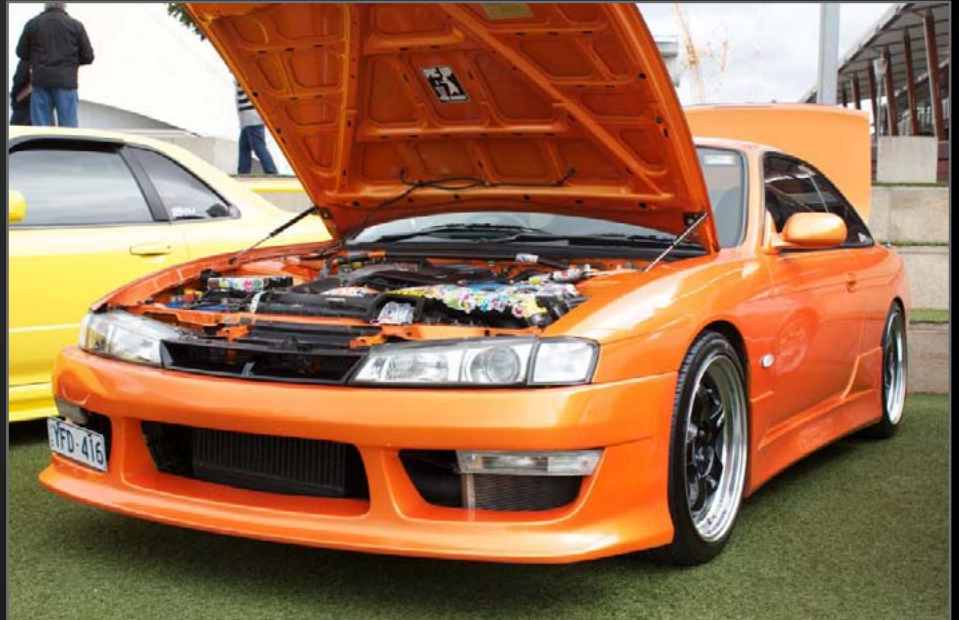
The same, I beep at everyone, sometimes to on coming cars with their windows down, people mowing their front lawn, people at the bus stop, butterflies, anything...half the time I get a wave back from complete strangers.

**Do you feel that S14s go somewhat unappreciated in the mainstream, with movies like The Fast And The Furious paying little attention to them?**

Strangely enough, I don't like driving a car that everyone has, hence me being on SAU and owning a 200sx. Plus its a good thing that there aren't any F&F quotes directly related to my car.

**What comes after the S14?**

Either another Stag, or a 4x4 - or preferably an income that isn't spent on cars.



**You have a stain on your shirt. What is that?**

Could be a number of things:  
Grease - from the car  
Dad's cooking - sometimes can't find the mouth.  
Sunkist - don't drink and drive

You can catch Aaron and his antics in the Vic wasteland section of the SAU forums.