



President's introduction

Firstly I'd like to welcome you all to the new year and hope you all had a safe and relaxing Christmas and New Year's break.

2007 was a very busy year for SAU-Vic where the committee made a strong effort to carry out all our projected plans and introduce a number of new initiatives.

Mav (and Alan for the first few months of the year) were flat out planning cruises and various events for the year which included 2 Great Ocean Road cruises, the Macedon cruise, Portsea cruise, Midnight cruise, Buxton cruise and a number of social events which brought members and their families together to share in the fun and games.

Our DECA championship was stronger than ever and the final results came down to the last instalment in December where Chris Thomson reigned over the opposition. Yes, Cougar has found his edge again. There were however a number of new competitors who shone through and gave Chris some a solid challenge for the title. We expect to see the same in 2008.

The Motor Sport Championship managed by Troy was very successful with a record number of participants and some new faces who added to the new breed of circuit racers taking on the old guard of Andrew Richmond, Jack Blanas and Chris Thomson. The 2008 season looks just as tough and with the influx of new blood, the championship should be very hard fought.

Last year we also saw a record number of SAU-Vic cars participate in other high profile events. The biggest one being the Dutton Rally of Victoria which Andrew Richmond won with Blaise Paris. Other competitors included Ryan Bell, Jarrod Moore, Justine Schuller, Troy Brisby, Adam Newton and Chris Thomson. Congratulations to those who participated and flew the SAU-Vic flag high and proud!

SAU-Vic once again continued its strong relationship with AutoSalon participating in both the Australian Grand Prix display and AutoSalon Semi Finals where we won

a number of trophies both for individual performances and club display.

With such an exciting year behind us, 2008 promises to be even better with plans to potentially restructure the way the committee conducts its activities with more subcommittees.

The annual general meeting will be held on Tuesday March 18 2008. This is when the current committee will step down from their current positions and a new committee will be voted in. The positions available for voting are President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary. A thread has been posted in the Victoria General section of the SAU forums for people to nominate, second and discuss the upcoming elections.

Many names have already been thrown in the hat and this looks like it will be one of the closest races since the inception of SAU-Vic. If you would like to participate in the 2008/09 SAU-Vic general committee, please contact either myself or Chris with your intentions as so it can be noted. We are always looking for fresh talent who can add to the committee and the give new incentives to the club to flourish.

This is an essential exercise each year as this is the time when the members get to decide who they want to drive the club for the next 12 months. Although member's ideas and thoughts are thoroughly considered each time, this is the time when each voting member has a real say in how the club is run. It's up to you, the members of SAU-Vic to choose the new committee and decide how SAU-Vic is run in the future.

I look forward to seeing another great year for SAU-Vic and hope to see the



The Prez "investing" your memberships. club continue to grow and expand into different avenues to get the word out about safe driving and motor sport.

As this will be my last President's introduction before the ushering in of the new committee, I would specially like to thank my committee for helping continue the spirit of SAU-Vic and nurture it's growth over the last 12 months. Without the dedication and hard efforts, many of our goals would not have been accomplished. I thank everyone for their support and I look forward to seeing SAU-Vic continue to flourish in the future years. I will now retire to the back of the atrium at Bells with the other ex-Presidents and mock the new Chair person, whoever it may be.

David Lee (Leewah)

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2007 SAUVicClub Awards

The final meeting for 2007 included the famous SAUVic Club Awards, many laughs are always had with this night, and below, are our illustrious winners!!

1. Thread of the year

James Ward (Jamezilla)
"Super Spotted Thread"



2. Rookie of the year

Tony Buckland (NYLATE)



3. She'll buff right out award

Justin Marcus (justin911) rolling his car @ PI



4. Motorsport junkie

Jack Blanas (JAGR33)
aka 'The Stig'



5. Most improved car

Adam 'Handbags' Newton (Adz) -
Widebody R32GTSt - 'Big Red'



6. It's not a Skyline but we still love you award

Matt Lowth (matlowth) - Evo 9



7. Photo of the year

Tharaka Pathibrage (Dark) - 2006 SAU Vic Show N Shine



8. The Troy S Brisby Trophy

Matt Phillips (Mavric)



9. Club member of the year

Wayne Beaumont (RCHOO)



10. President's award

Bec Pretty (Bec)



Merchandise

BEHOLD! The SAUVic 2008 Calender!

Jam packed with some of the best cars and photography the Skyline Community has to offer. Available immediately via mail or at club events. Come get em! \$15 each (+ postage if required)



Example of the great calendar pages :-)

We now have a large range of Polos in sizes (S - XXL) in both red and black. Place your order at merchandise@sauvic.com.au or see me at an event to get yours ready for summer. Get in early to avoid disappointment.



Cost:- \$30 members - \$35 non-members.

Other merchandise items include:

Lanyards - \$5

Stickers - SAU Vic Member \$5 for 2; and URL's (white \$5, metallic silver \$10)

Team Wang Stubby Holders - \$10 in a great range of colours

I also have leftover:-

2 x jacket and vest combo (sizes M and XXL) - special price - members \$100 / non-members \$150 - or make me an offer and we'll see

2 x 2006 DECA Series Long Sleeve Shirts (sizes L and XXL) - special \$30 for members. Cheers

BEC



Event reviews

2007 Show and Shine

Another great day, another great turnout for the annual 2007 SAU VIC Show N Shine and Xmas Party.

There was a wide range of skylines (and non skylines) for a great day of cars and people.

The day was aimed at our members, allowing them to show off their cars in



Am I Purple? Red? Gold? Am I made from Steel? Fibreglass? Carbon Fibre? Yes I am! an Autosalon style outdoor display with a free BBQ.

Located along the banks of the Yarra River, Como Park, just near Alexander Parade gave the club plenty of exposure and the cars were seen by many onlookers.

Members enjoyed a free lunch provided by the club and were able to display their cars for various awards and great prizes, voted by members present on the day.

Those who attended were also offered discount vouchers at one of SAU VIC's selected premier workshops, so if you missed out then you missed some great deals!!!

There was a great variety of cars on display throughout the day.

This ranged from a standard GTST skyline to track spec GTR's with all the nice goodies, including an R34 GTR NUR that popped in later afternoon.

Members also got to check out the latest EVO, an extremely low HR32 GTST, a hot 34GTR with a chameleon paint job and a fully restored BNR32 Aus spec GTR.

Winners of Centreline vouchers:

- (1) Allen Cheng Chun Ho - Best Overall GTR
- (2) Matt Karlsen - Best Overall GTS-T
- (3) Mark Lampard - Best Overall WRX / EVO
- (4) Ryan Bell - Best Overall Dorifto
- (5) Min Blizzard - Best Overall Intruder

Winners of SAU polo shirt and 12 month subscription to Unique Cars:

- (6) Marcus Lau - Best R32 GTR
- (7) Jack Blanas - Best R33 GTR
- (8) Andrew Richmond - Best R34 GTR
- (9) Ash Cosgriff - Best R31 GTS
- (10) Greg Campbell - Best R32 GTS-T
- (11) Che Boocock - Best R33 GTS-T
- (12) Matt Karlsen - Best R34 GTT

Special thanks to Centreline for sponsoring this event and donating some fantastic prizes!

And also a huge thanks to those who





came and those who helped out with the day and eating all our snags!

Cheers,

Bec

Around the bay:

Well 2007 has concluded and we successfully completed various events ranging from Buxton Burger Runs through the black spur to our most recent cruise around the bay Cruise.

The Around the Bay Cruise kicked off early down at Albert Park the weather was not so fantastic to start off the day but once we headed off towards the west it improved out of site sun shining perfect cruising weather.

We stopped for fuel and not long after leaving a member had a blow out of a rear tire. Luckily they were able to pull over to the side, threw on a life saving space saver but unfortunately have to retreat back home.

We continued on heading towards Queenscliff where we got our boat ticket and jumped on the ferry. Some were concerned (myself) as to how close the car was sitting to the edge of the boat but convinced myself it was big enough to not sink.

The ferry was an enjoyable addition to a kicked back and relaxed cruise around the bay. I was certainly grateful to be driving not riding a bike as some of our fellow SAU members have done in the past.

We finished off the day down in Sorrento at the pub with a beer and a Parma for some. All in all I think everyone enjoyed



the day and I would like to thank everyone for coming.

See you all at the next event.

Mav.

Ignition DVD/Re Customs Dyno night:

After only a weeks notice on the SAU forums, a massive turn-out was expected at RE-Customs on Friday the 1st of Feb. And a MASSIVE turn-out if truely was. By all accounts over 100 cars were present,

horror!) and the Ignition Crew handing out free DVDs too. Dyno runs were performed all night with good efficiency and runs were displayed on a big plazma screen beside the dyno. A DJ was spinning some tunes and Matt Karlson was announcing all the cars on the rollers.

Over 200 people crammed the Yiannis Court for the duration of the evening, only tapering off towards the end. As per normal, and as per expectations, all things didn't go to plan with Leewah's



Great turnout, right into the night

including some really top end show cars, some high power GTRs, a bunch of nice S15s, WRXs and good turnout from SAUVic also.

The nights festivities included the RedBull girls handing out free RedBull (shock

GTR winding up hard on the rollers before suddenly deciding that this wasn't it's night. There's nothing more amusing than a super high powered GTR being pushed up and down a road by 6 blokes trying for the push start!

All in all, a fun night was had, and the behaviour off all and sundry was great,



What is it with SAUVic events and huge storms clouds looming.... ??



HPIs as far as the eye can see



apart from some nufti in a Ford ute attempting to wow the crowd with a mighty single spinner.

We look forward to the SAUVic Membership Renewal day in March.

Bass Junky

The missing cereal box exposed

Back in Dec '06, my friends at the EPA decided that a GT30 turbo with an external wastegate and a 120dB exhaust, wasn't exactly legal for some reason.

Rather than carry on at the EPA officer, i spoke to him about what i could do to make it legal and still have a fast street car.

After a good 30 minute discussion, i'd reached the conclusion that it was time to bite the bullet and do a RB26 conversion into my GTS-R.

The reason was i can make good power, and have it legal to a point it will keep the authorities happy.

After purchasing the stock engine, i had Ben and the crew @ Racepace Motorsport build me a ripper motor with a fully custom built exhaust system.

The trusty hands of Andrew (acsplit) and the boys down at RYVE lent me their expertise in R31 motor conversions which really helped me along, the car wouldn't be what it is today without their help.

In the middle of all of this, Mick from Micolour did a total fill and spray of the engine bay, and it looks absolutely sensational I must say.

The whole process has taken quite a while as we waited for parts, people and the most important part, motivation (if not a bunch of kesh: Ed) to get it all finished.

18 months on the conversion is complete



and the car's running perfectly. Power wise it made a lazy 250rwkw @ 14psi and the car is basically EPA legal, and certainly road legal using mostly factory parts on the motor.

Being its one of about 4 or 5 HR31's with an RB26 conversion in the country, I like to think its a good achievement.

The whole car is now around 95% finished, just waiting for some final parts and the engineers sign off for road registration.

Within the coming months the car will have the finishing touches added and then the 'car that doesn't exist' will be back on the road for all to see.

If anyone has questions regarding how to



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make good power, legally, let me know. I'm always happy to share the information I've learnt over the course of the build!

See you all at a cruise very soon

Cheers, Ash

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