



President's introduction

by Ash Cosgriff (R31Nismoid)

Winter is an interesting time of year. The club slows down, the forums pickup because people are indoors and events are held in some weather nothing short of terrible! However the seasons are almost flicking over to some decent weather and a whole swag of sunshine (well, hopefully) Taking cold chilly weather into consideration, we've had some very successful events. The recent "OMG I've got my car back" GOR run was excellent even though it rained shortly after lunch, and also some other events which members attended as you'll see later on. Also since the last newsletter we have made some subtle additions to the club.

There is now functionality for online membership forms, and also we are looking into being able to take credit card and other

types of payments for renewal/ events and other things to make life easier again for all of you out there and in turn make life easier for committee members. Also we have go-karts sessions starting up, but more on that from AP later in the piece.

Of late also we've been having some sensational Guest Speakers at the general meetings. Some reps from Shell came out to talk about V-Power Racing, I honestly thought amid the fair barrage of questions they received from the room (you're a hard man to please Ant), it was a great discussion by all. Evershine & Waterless car wash was also interesting with water restrictions and so on. Incidentally we have a \$90 pack as door prize from a much appreciated donation, so I urge members to come along to General Meetings, 3rd Tues of every month. You never know what's coming next, or what prizes we will have on offer for you.

Till then, Cheers Ash.

Editor's Note

by Peter Blythe (Bass Junky)

Welcome to the 15th issue of the SAU-Vic newsletter, VIC-Spec.

Pete is back collating this newsletter and although it is very tardy, I'm sure it's just as pretty as the last one which was put together by Bec due to my huge workload.

It's with great regret though that this will be my final newsletter with SAU-Vic. I simply haven't got the time anymore to donate to the club newsletter.

Some of you may have also noticed my abense from the club meetings and this has been due to my work commitments. I'm travelling between WA, QLD, NZ quite often and this doesn't look like letting up any time soon.

I have really enjoyed putting these newsletters together over the last couple of years, sporadic as they may have been, and wish the next Newsletter person the very best for their upcoming masterpieces.

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NEWS

Congratulations!

It's with great excitement that Chris and Min announce the birth of Pitcrew #1, Ryder Arron Thompson, born on the 2nd of July 2008. We all wish them the best of luck and health. Chris is rumoured to be investigating the legality of using a 5 year old as navigator for Targa Tasmania 2013, apparently they are super light weight!



the place. The carpark/pits area is located right on the top of a hill and, once I was out of the car, I had a great view over most of the hillclimb. What a sight! Not only did it look tight and technical but the elevation change was a welcome sight as it is missing

Evershine - Waterless Car Care



Evershine was our guest speaker at last months meeting. They provided a very interesting insight into washing cars without water. In this day and age water is becoming more scarce and who knows what the future might hold.

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SAU-Vic has been given a Complete Car Care Pack valued at \$89.95 which we will be giving away to one lucky member at an upcoming general meeting. Watch the forums for details.

Championship Round - Morwell 11/10/08

It never stops amazing me that despite getting up at 5:30am every day during the week to get to work, getting up at that time on a Saturday is just criminal! Then I remember that I'm about to track my car and that, combined with my morning coffee, makes me feel a lot better.

I ended up leaving my house (Bentleigh) around the 6:20am mark in order to be there before 8am. With very few people on the road, I made good progress, and ended up arriving at 7:45am using the directions Bec posted up in the thread. The only complaint being that driving along the princess hwy at that time of the morning you are driving directly towards the sun coming up which provided a few blinding moments.

Due to limited internet access at the moment (thanks Telstra) I hadn't seen the video footage on youtube, and had only seen the new hillclimb from a couple of pics around

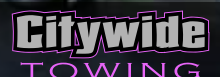
from most Victorian circuits.

By the time I had unpacked the car most of the SAU boys & girls had arrived...Ryan (Belsil80), Jarrod (R32Big boy), Bec, Archie, Ben (thebuzz), Chris Stacey and, of course, the Datto boys amongst others. Once signed in and scrutineered we were given the chance to do a sighting lap of the hillclimb. Main reasons for this was that most of us had never been there and also the minor point that this hillclimb has claimed a fair share of cars....but more on this later....

Jarrod jumped in the passenger seat for the sighting lap and off we went. Comparing this to the old Morwell hillclimb is like comparing the RB26 to the SR20 - two very different things (sorry couldn't resist). This new hillclimb



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by the skid/tyre marks in the grass on the left hand side of the track leading into a tyre barrier. To warn drivers of this upcoming section the organizers of this event placed a sign just before the crest which simply read '\$\$' - no explanation needed!

is that spectators get a great view of the hillclimb from next to the carpark. In some locations you can almost see the whole run. It was easy to see who had been here before and who hadn't, as those who hadn't hesitated using the loud pedal a lot more.

is a mix of elevation change, on and off camber corners, crests and blind corners making for a very fun drive. The surface is smooth with good kerbs (albeit a little slippery) although there were a few parts where rain run-off had left a bit of dirt across the track.

After the usual driver briefing



On such a tight and technical course the well sorted Evo's and WRX's were going to be hard to beat and at the end of the day it was an Evo (I think 8) that took the honours with a 56.51. My first run was a 1:04.38 but got faster and faster with each run and ended with a best of 58.50 which was good enough for 10th place. It was also good enough for me to claim fastest GTR time at Morwell, a claim that I'll hold onto until Chris (Scotsman) or one of the other well modded GTR's gets a chance to do the new hillclimb.

Back to the claimed cars.... there is one corner that has been named 'Oh Shit' - and for good reason as most of the big accidents happened here (including one R34 GTR vspec that ended up on its roof on the sighting lap no less!). You come around a left hand - 2nd gear corner, which exits and straightens up over a crest. Right on the crest, the track kinks right and then its down into what can only be described as a roller coaster dip which leads into an uphill tight right hand corner. Basically from what I imagine has happened to these cars is that the driver has been pushing over the crest, they've seen the dip/upcoming corner, and realized that they are carrying too much speed. The driver has then hit the brakes while the car is still going through the kink which has then sent the car into a spin - this is fairly evident

which included a reminder about 'Oh Shit' corner it was time to start timed laps. Never one to be shy of making an entrance, Matt (GTTR34) picked now to turn up after sleeping in. As cars were being released one at a time, the order was decided by car number. As my number was 33, I watched a few cars go through the course. Another benefit of the elevation change

I also had a great battle with Ryan (Belsil80) in the afternoon as you can see by the results sheet- my 4th run was a 1:00.07 which Ryan proceeded to match on his 5th run, I then beat that on my 5th run with a 59.51 which I figured was going to be enough but Ryan pulled one out of the bag on his 6th run to post



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a 59.33 – so much for me relaxing the rest of the arvo! The ol' GTR vs Sil80 argument was at stake here, so I wasn't going to go down without a fight. To quote Clarkson, I took my brave pills, added a few more revs on the start line and went for it. Despite putting two wheels on the dirt during a little off track excursion

I managed a 58.68 which Ryan couldn't match and the ol' argument was settled. Interestingly, I went out on my last run thinking I'm not going to go as hard as I did on the 58.68 lap, didn't have any moments, and ended up with a 58.50 which just proves that your best can be achieved when you aren't actually going for it – smooth, clean driving is the key.

A big thanks to the organizers and volunteers on the day which helped the day run smoothly and without incident. Further to that, congrats to all who drove on the day, as no-one drove outside of their limits. I hear rumours that SAU is thinking of hiring Morwell for an event and I'd highly recommend that they do.

If you want to see photos or in-car footage from the day, it has been posted in the Morwell thread under the Events section.

Anthony (Ant97GTR)



**race
brakes**

Event Reviews Massive Midnight Cruise Friday, 13th of June 2008

As it turned out this year we ran the Midnight Cruise on Friday the 13th (BLACK FRIDAY)

And true to its name the day started off black with rain clouds and heavy rain for most of the day. But I had my fingers crossed that by night the rain would have passed and I did.

The night started off at Pakenham Autobarn car park . The meet time was set for 8.30 with

A 9.15 depart. A few people were freaked out they had to drive all the way to Pakenham to the meet point saying it was like a cruise in its self just getting there. But it had to start somewhere.. On the way Pakenham I said to my driver for the night Leon (achoo) that I didn't think we would get a strong turn out due to the weather that day. But when I got to the Autobarn car park there were already 10 cars there and they just flowed in after that. So after I had marked off every one we had 29 cars 34 members had turned up 4 new guys joined up and with mates and girlfriends coming along for a ride we had around 50 people... Fantastic.

Well 9.15 came and we were on our way. We headed up from Pakenham in to the hills going up in to Pakenham Upper and Mt Burnett then in to Cockatoo heading up Worri Yallock rd till we got to the Warburton Hwy. Turning left we pulled over to re group before the turnoff in to Gembrook Launching Place rd. Gembrook Launching place rd is ace very twisty and in some places narrow but still a very good road to drive. We followed this road all the way down to Gembrook were we had our first stop. We spent around 15 min in Gembrook chatting . And this is were we found out about a booze bus set up in Emerald witch was no drama as know one was drinking.

We left Gembrook heading up Belgrave Gembrook rd in to Emerald were we past the un manned booze bus with no dramas in Emerald we turned left and went up Monbolck rd up some nice twisties up past the Silvan Reservoir at the end of Monbolck rd we turned left on to Swansea rd then left on to Mt Dandenong Tourist rd were for those who have been up into the Mt Dandenongs this is a great road to drive as well. Once we got to the end of the Mt Dandenong Tourist rd we were in Ferntree Gully and at the end of the Cruise.

I would like to thank all those who came and for making it a great night.

And I hope to see you all at up coming events..

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East Meets West meet

20th June, 2008

“...WITH WELL OVER 40 CARS AT THE MAIN MEET POINT AT ALBERT PARK...”

A Chilly Friday night in June set the scene for the first ever East meets West meet....

With both the east and west holding successful meet and greets on a few occasions, the decision to bring the 2 together was made. It was anticipated from the start that the night would receive a big turnout, and those attending certainly weren't disappointed. With well over 40 cars at the main meet point at Albert Park, and great turnouts at both of the pre-meets, there was a great atmosphere from the start.

After the respective east/west pre meets, both groups cruised in to the central meet point at Albert Park, where those attending had a chance to catch up with friends, meet some new faces, and of course check out the great variety of cars attending. Plenty of the usual Skylines were on show, including some high powered examples. Other cars on the night included a slightly rarer Skyline in the V35, silvias an Impreza, a Mercedes and others.

After giving everyone a chance to catch up at Albert Park, we headed towards Kings Way in search of food. Unfortunately Ash miscalculated the directions and a few people ended up getting lost, however most of those that were heading in for food eventually found their way.

The remainder of the night was spent eating pizza and watching the numerous traffic light drag races between beat up old Hiluxes and an array of other below average cars, which provided plenty of amusement.



With over 40 cars attending the main meet at Albert Park, and around 20 new SAU Vic members taking advantage of the discount membership offer on the night, it was a complete success for the club.

Michael (Dezz)
SAU Vic Events team

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GOR Cruise
23rd August, 2008

10:30am saw a good 20+ cars sitting at the BP Servo, the usual meet point for a GOR run. There were a lot of new faces, but then

So it was great to chat to the new comers where I could, and of course the old faces that I had not seen for quite a while.

As we set off, a couple of our new members unfortunately had to drop from the cruise due to car issues, I really hope you guys work it out and are at the next cruise

Upon getting closer to Apollo Bay, it was apparent that we were in for a 'minor' change in the weather, and by minor I mean howling winds and rain that was more interested in going sideways than falling vertically.



its been a good 3 years now since I've really attended any cruises, let alone run them.

(Sandown to Surf) so ya don't miss the action! The usual trip down to Apollo Bay was nothing short of excellent. The weather was perfect, the drive was smooth and relatively uninhibited by traffic also which is always a worry going down that way.

But never to fear the pub put on a great feast and an hour or so later it was time for heading back via the Otway Ranges.

Now usually this is a sunny/dry drive back. However due to the typical-melbourne weather change it was wet and also very foggy. These conditions gave a very eerie feel to the whole area as round tail lights appeared in and out of fog patches across the mountain ridge.



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... "TAIL LIGHTS APPEARED IN AND OUT OF FOG PATCHES ACROSS THE MOUNTAIN RIDGE."...

So over all a really great run with some contrast in weather that you would only see here in Vic. I also must make a note of Jezz & co (he is on L plates), to drive in the conditions you did that day mate - would have been very good experience, keep up the practice whenever you can

- Ash

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The instructions can be found here:
<http://www.skylinesaustralia.com/forums/R34-Gtr-Mfd-Info-t223920.html>

Want to stop your door-open beeper in your R34 - Read here for a helpful guide: <http://www.skylinesaustralia.com/forums/Diy-Stop-Open-Door-Beep-t242701.html>

As always our collection of online DIY and HOWTO articles can be found on the forums at: <http://www.skylinesaustralia.com/forums/Tutorials-DIY-FAQ-f57.html>



Upcoming Events!!

SAUVIC - Micolour DECA November 15th 2008 - The final round of the DECA 2008 series. Spots are filling so get in quickly!!!

<http://www.skylinesaustralia.com/forums/Micolour-Sau-vic-Deca-Mot-t240918.html>

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