



President's introduction

by Ash Cosgriff (R31Nismoid)

G'day to each and every member, and also to those who are reading that might not be members just yet.

Welcome to 2008 and the usual change in Committee which has seen some old faces return and some new faces appear.

The structure of the 08 Committee is outlined on Page 7 of this Newsletter.

As some of you will notice, the Committee has grown this year, particularly in events which is 3 people and the 4 dedicated people just for motorsport.

This new initiative should with some luck set us up to deliver not only some new motorsport events but also to achieve a great social/

cruise atmosphere within the club.

I think its great now, and to move forward to the next level if you will, the committee needed to expand slightly in numbers to get the jobs done and deliver to members.

I personally have a strong drive to take SAU-Vic well in 2008 and leave the club perfectly poised for '09 and this will filter down into the current committee and drive them this year. I'm not only going to focus on today, but focus on the clubs future and try to expand substantially to secure what SAU-Vic is, and will be for a long time, one of the most entertaining clubs that is still very much affordable and offers many benefits to its members.

I look forward to seeing people at some of the multitude of events that are coming up. Watch the forums, email and calendar with excitement!!!

We encourage all members to write and submit articles for our Newsletters. Event reviews, product reviews, tech articles, anything you think would be useful to our reader.

Any submissions that you might have for the next edition, please forward them to Pete at newsletter@sauvic.com.au



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Editor's Note

by Bec Pretty (Bec)

Welcome to the 13th issue of the SAU-Vic newsletter, VIC-Spec.

Pete had some rather large committments outside of SAU in the last couple of months, so to lend a hand I offered to complete this edition of the Newsletter for him.

My first time creating the Newsletter was a little bit daunting, but with some help from Pete I think I finally figured it out.



NEWS

2008 SAU-Vic Motorsport Sponsors

by Chris Thomson (Scotsman)

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Congratualtions

Jack (JAGR33) and Irene welcomed baby Stephanie into the world at 2.45pm on May 25th.



And Adrian (CAJFLY) was blessed with his son Brodie on June 8 at 4.17am.



Congratulations Jack and Adrian, we wish you all the very best in this new chapter of your lives.

EVENT REVIEWS

Phillip Island - Rnd 2 - 29 March

by Bec Pretty (Bec)

Well..... the day started early for me, leaving Melbourne just before 7am to ensure I made it down to the track for the officials briefing at 8.30am. It was rainy and cold, but it didn't stop the masses turning out for some track time at Phillip Island.

The event attracted a capacity entry of 103 cars. There were 7 groups, with up to 14 cars allowed on the track at any one time.

The day started with a familiarisation session and was followed by timed sessions for most of the day. After lunch several super sprints were run and then late afternoon saw groups disbanded and the track was open to anyone who still wanted to go out and try and get some laps in.

The awful weather resulted in some scary moments for several drivers, giving spectators and photographers plenty of entertaining action. Luckily, there were no serious incidents, but there was plenty of skidding, sliding and 360's as the rain made it difficult to stay on the tarmac.

Two members in the modified GTR class cracked their personal bests, raising the bar yet again to an unbelievably high level - Anthony Snelling with a 1:50.3 and Aaron Panozza with an incredible 1:44.8.

Both times were big accomplishments, especially in the far from perfect weather conditions.



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Dean Taylor in modified RWD also managed an impressive 1.53.96 in his black S14.

The Datsun boys turned out in force, but sadly half of them were unable to race on the day with questionable scrutineering issues. Hopefully the guys aren't discouraged and we see them make a return at Sandown.

I want to thank those from SAU-Vic who came down to support the boys who were racing, I know the guys really appreciate everyone spectating and taking pics/videos, etc. also having people to talk to in the pits is always nice.

Also a huge thanks to Justin (CrispyFries) for being the only other brave sole from SAU to put up his hand and help me out by officiating on the day, it was cold and wet, and Justin your help on

the day was greatly appreciated.

At this stage, the overall SAU-Vic Motorsport crown could be anyone's, with 3 drivers from 2 different classes all leading the tally with 10 points.

The most recent Motorsport standings, are available on:-

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And Mat Cross (TTCorona) made a compilation of video footage of the day which is on youtube:-

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o2t0nsSoZGo>



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GOR Review - Sun 6 April

by Wayne Beaumont (RCHOO)

As this is my first piece in the SAUvic Newsletter. I would like to start by introducing myself. I'm Wayne Beaumont (RCHOO) and I'm this years Events Co-Ordinator .

This year the committee has gone with 3 people to run events. So to help me this year we have Michael Dessmann (Dezz) from the West and Allen Paul Ravell (LEANBAC) from the East.

Between the 3 of us we hope to bring you some great events this year. We have a lot of new ideas to put to you guys.

The year had just started for the committee when we had the GOR cruise.

This year the GOR cruise was a bit different as it could only be run as a 1 day event due to accomodation dramas. So this time we only went as far as Apollo Bay.

The day started at the BP servo on the Geelong FWY for a 10am meet and a 10.30 depart. We had 22 car front up for the day and it was great to see a lot of new faces.

Once we had our drivers briefing we headed off for what was to turn out to be a fantastic day. When we got to Geelong 2 members joined us there, which now made 24 cars

As we hit the Great Ocean Road the clouds went a little dark and a bit of drizzle started to show but that didn't last long.

Traffic can sometimes bug you on the GOR but it wasn't too bad - we had a couple of old vintage trucks at the start and some campervans. Then there was this old couple in a BMW. But they all turned off and gave us a good run.

Our first stop was at Anglesea where we stopped for around 15 minutes for a chat, photos and a drink then we were off again heading for Apollo Bay.

Once at Apollo Bay we had a hour to have a look around and grab some lunch before we re-grouped for a photo or 10 on the pier. This always takes a while to park the cars (thanks Paul and Al).

Then it was time to head back home instead of going back along the GOR we went via The Otway Ranges and it was fantastic. We had a great run until we hit Geelong, the traffic was thick. But from there most went their own ways.

And that guys was a short run down of the Great Ocean Road Cruise..



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2008 Victorian Dutton Rally Results

by Bec Pretty (Bec)

As some of you were probably aware, the 2008 Victorian Dutton Rally was held during May.

SAU-Vic was represented by three teams:

- Andrew Richmond (Snowman) & Blaise Paris (Darkside) - R34GTR

- Chris Thomson (Scotsman) & Adam Newton (Adz) - R33GTR

- Jeff Beable (targa) & Peter Blythe (Bass Junky) - R34GTR

Chris (No.3 Driver) & Adam (No.1 Co-Driver) finished as the 2nd overall team, which was a fantastic effort in a very competitive field.

Andrew (No.5 Driver) & Blaise (No.3 Co-Driver) secured 4th position overall in the teams event.

Jeff (No.12 Driver) & Pete (No.17 Co-Driver) finished as the 12th team, a great result considering the car didn't quite make the last few events.

Dutton firsttimer Pete also took out the Rookie of the Year Award.

Congrats to all the guys who put in a tremendous effort over the 4 days to receive some outstanding results.

TECH REPORT

FAQ: Buying Cheap E-Bay Performance Parts

by Paul Rivoli (PaulR33)

Intended Audience: Anyone considering buying performance parts from Ebay

Technical Level: Low

Duration: 15 minutes

Effort: Low

Result: Excellent, may save you some \$ and some hassles

!!!Caution/Achtung/Attenzione!!!

Follow this guide at your own risk.

You have been warned. We are not responsible for any actions you take. The information contained herein is a guide and should *not* be acted upon with consultation from your local tuner (he/she may not agree with my comments / suggestions). If you are unsure or are not confident don't do it.

This guide is a document in progress among the Skylines Australia car club and is a user orientated FAQ for people interested in buying performance parts off Ebay.

This lists some of the known baddies out there, what to look for and what standard parts etc are worth and how to pick junk items.

Bargain hunting

As always, everyone is out to get the best bang per \$ for their car (I am too!). There are some cheap parts out there, and some great bargains etc

But there is a lot of junk too and some complete rubbish. Known baddies are out there, here are some of the the usual suspects:

Known baddies

- cheap chinese manifolds

- cheap turbochargers - to4 with no useful specs, t3/t4 with no useful specs and other weird spec turbochargers with no brand backing (ie: a turbo thats sub \$300 is junk)

- cheap cam gears - know baddies, only go with trusted items and brand names

- fake knock offs - there was a swarm of fake Apexi turbo timers, be sure u know how to identify a legit item from a fake one

- incorrect models listed to lure suspects - ie listing a powerfc pro as a pro but its a std PFC - again be sure u know how to identify a legit from a fake (or model change)

- Venom brand injectors - these are junker highflow poor spec items, dont even bother

- cheap plenums (no branders) and Greddy copies - junk, crap welds, wouldnt rely on it - original Greddy items are \$1100 new so a plenum for \$300 is rubbish

You can check this thread for typical examples of

Typical junk cam gears

Cheap junk turbochargers

Cheap junk plenums

Link -

<http://www.skylinesaustralia.com/forums/Faq-Buying-Cheap-Ebay-Pe-t221021.html#entry3896612>

Research before you buy

Like anything do your research, check the seller, check the item,



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call them up or message or email them etc, ask for proper photos etc

If you are buying a Xeplex Twin turbo manifold to suit BCNR33 search on google for the item, if you find no matches or hardly any info, chances are its junk

Search on SAU for what you are buying, if you see a KKR turbocharger for \$250 search on SAU for "KKR" you'll find out why its "So Cheap"

Understand the risks

Like always with online auction style bidding be prepared for risks, if you buy a set of pistons for \$800 there is a risk they may not arrive

I'm not saying it happens every day, but it does happen and has happened to people in the past. There is always a risk with online face-less auctions when buying from individual people.

This level of risk is removed when dealing with places such as online parts shops such as Nengun, Greenline, Importmonster etc as there is tracking, you are covered and can get refunds etc

Much like when you goto a local shop to buy say a new water pump, you can take it back, get a refund, ask for support if its dodgy or non-

legit etc.

Good news & bargains

But the good news is there are bargains out there. People write off their cars and want to sell stuff cheaply. People buy lots of Apexi avcr's in bulk and then sell them cheap individually etc.

People sell their old hardware taking up space in the garage so they sell it cheap. Demand drives the price with the ebay style auctions so if a few dudes want it, its going to go up, and up etc.

If no one wants it, you'll get it cheap or at least at the lowest price the guy is prepared to auction it up for. Check the users feedback and read the comments.

The feedback doesnt guarantee they wont rip you off, but it helps prove they are half legit and do sell/send their items correctly.

Understand the standard price before you bid

Ie GTR R34 front calipers will go for \$1000 because people want them. If you see GTR 34 front calipers for \$400 with a "buy it now" option, theyre probably fake or non-legit or is a rip off.

However if they start at \$400 and the guy has decent feedback and no-one else is bidding on them then you might get them significantly cheaper. He might not know what they are worth which could also explain the low price. This is unlikely but could be possible. but just remember, beaware of the risks (see part #4 above) and that you may not get them item if they are a dodgy trader.

A HKS turbocharger (any model) is going to be at least \$1000 sub because of the brand, so if you see a pair of HKS 2530s for \$900 then it wont be legit, or they are shagged.

A decent ball bearing turbocharger is about \$1500 and a pair of good GTR twins is around \$2000 at least. a stock RB25 turbo is around \$300 and a pair of stock GTR turbo's I'd say approximately \$500-\$600.

Things cost money - whats the real cost

Theres no secret, a turbocharger costs money, a manifold costs money, so dont expect a good turbocharger for your std car for \$350, its going to be junk.

And lastly cheap items like turbochargers etc may work and be ok, but they may require lots of work to make them fit and bolt up.

The flange is different, the gate is different, the flap opens the wrong way, the bearings are awful and so on, so look at the whole package and not just the single item your buying.

Much like buying a set of EVO calipers, sure you might get them cheap but if its going to cost another \$500 to make them fit and line up with rotors etc it could be easier/cheaper in the long run to buy Skyline stuff in the first place.



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SAU-Vic Website Updates

by Andrew Dean (Ferni)

Some of you may have noticed that recently the www.sauvic.com.au website has had some updates and additions. For those of you that haven't noticed, here are some of the updates/additions to check out.

*Annual Reports now downloadable

* Motorsport Lap Records

*Motorsport Championship Results

* DECA Championship Results

* Member Rides layout has been changed and updated. Email your ride to webmaster@sauvic.com.au to be added. Please include your Forum username and member number. Pictures at least 768px x 576px.

Also worth noting is the SAU-Vic membership application form has been completely redone. It is now a fillable PDF form so you can fill it out on your computer, save & email it, or print it out and mail it in.

There are still some things that need updating/fixing, and a couple of ideas I need to implement, so stay tuned.

If you notice any errors or have any suggestions please email them to webmaster@sauvic.com.au



East meets West Meet

by Bec Pretty (Bec)

FRIDAY 20 JUNE

It's time for the East and the West to unite for one big meet. Come along and meet the guys from the 'other side', talk, eat and take advantage of this once off discount membership offer!

That's right - for this night and this night only, we will be waiving the \$20 joining fee for SAU Vic Membership. So anyone who comes along on the night will be able to take advantage of this great offer and get their first 12 months of membership for just \$50.

There will be 2 pre-meets, one in the south east and one in the west and both groups will make their way into Albert Park and will then go locally to get some food and mingle.

It'd be great to see as many of you there as possible and bring your friends along and sign them up.

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