



President's introduction

Happy New Year from everyone at SAU Vic!

Cheers
Andrew Richmond - Snowy



News

Short newsletter

There wasn't much action on the SAU Vic front over the New Year period - so please excuse this short newsletter.

2006 Event Calendar

Clear your dance cards - as 2006 is going to be busy! Check out the SAU Vic event calendar at:

<http://www.skylinesaustralia.com/forums/index.php?showtopic=102281>



2005 Photo of the Year

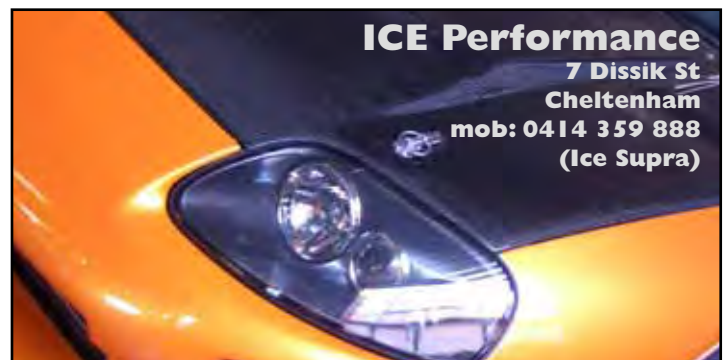
2005 Club Awards

The December club meeting marked our inaugural club awards where those who contribute behind the scenes and in a more 'social' context were rewarded.

Congratulations to all the winners - especially to Troy Brisby (Roy), our 2005 Club Member of the Year.

1. Most valuable online contributor
Geoff Williams (GTRGeoff)
2. Thread of the year - the eBay Lada
James Ward (Jamezilla)
3. Social event junky
Bec Pretty (Bec)
4. Media representation award
Joel Strickland (joelstrick)
5. Mines Datsun - "She'll buff right out" award
Gareth Evans (Rowdy R32) - R32 GT-R @ Sandown
6. Most improved car - 1995 R33 GT-R
Jack Blanas (JagR33)
7. It's not a Skyline... but we still Love you
Scott Bailey (Chrisman) - Telstar TX5
8. Photo of the Year - Leewah @ Autosalon
Andrew Richmond (Snowman)
9. President's Award
Alan King (SaffCossie)
10. Club Member of the Year
Troy Brisby (Roy)

Congratulations again to all!
Andrew Richmond - Snowy





Event review

Christmas BBQ

Our annual Christmas BBQ was a pretty quiet affair with a few regular attendees coming to the oval in South Yarra for a BBQ snag and a hit of cricket. Tops.

Paul Rivoli (Paul R33)

Club Raffle

Also at the December meeting - the club raffle was drawn. Some fantastic prizes were donated to the club - with Chris Thomson taking out first prize of the terrific Kinchrome toolset worth almost \$3,000. Congratulations to all the winners!

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| 1st | Chris Thomson | <i>Kinchrome toolset</i> |
| 2nd | Bec Pretty | <i>Tint-a-Car voucher</i> |
| 3rd | Tanya | <i>Xtremeline detailing</i> |
| 4th | Ash Cosgriff | <i>EAS dyno run</i> |
| 5th | James (Coupe-this) | <i>Radiator heat shield</i> |
| 6th | James (Coupe-this) | <i>Bells Hotel dinner</i> |
| 7th | Nicki | <i>FMIC</i> |

James Ward (jamezilla)



Dishing out the raffle prizes - you've got to be in it to win it!

Mt Buller Hillclimb

Sunday January 29, 2006, Mt. Buller: Tarmac rally champions Jim Richards and Barry Oliver in their 2004 Porsche 911 GT2 convincingly won their second successive Porsche Mt. Buller Sprint ahead of a crack field of 128 competitors.

They were the fastest crew on the demanding 16km course to the Mt. Buller Alpine Village on each of the event's seven runs that began on the Friday morning.

So crushing was Richards' and Olliver's victory that they only twice completing the climb in more than nine minutes, averaging nearly 110km/h for all runs. Only one other competitor - Melbourne's Rex Broadbent and Chris Randall in a 2004 Daytona Coupe - managed a single sub-nine minute run.



SAU's own Jeff Beable roars up Mt Buller

Queensland's Tony Quinn and Keith Wenn in their 2001 Porsche 911 Turbo were consistently second throughout the event, finishing some 76.40 seconds behind Richards/Oliver on the aggregate of all seven runs.

2005 Australian Rally Championship runners-up, Dean Herridge and Bill Hayes from Western Australia were third in the factory-entered 2004 Subaru Impreza in an impressive first-ever tarmac rally for both the car and crew, just ahead of the incredible Queensland designed and manufactured Skelta G-Force sports car of Ray Vandersee and Anthony McLoughlin.

Richards described his victory against the very competitive field as "very satisfying". "We had a trouble free run but we could never relax with Tony and Dean pushing hard behind us on every stage," he said.

A number of competitors in the Sprint had close encounters with the Mt. Buller alpine scenery over the event's three days. Amongst those caught out by yesterday's tricky conditions were the ACT's Martin Notaras and David Stephen in their 2003 Mitsubishi EVO 8, which left the road and hit a bank heavily.

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Event review - cont...

Philip Island Go-Carts

Did anyone hear Phillip Island built a go-kart track? Well Andrew did back in November at a PIARC meet, and before they had even built any amenities, he'd already snuck across the paddock to check out the freshly laid bitumen, and to his amazement the rumors were true!

The track layout was a scaled version of the real deal. We decided a few of us would head down there and check it out. So we casually let a few people know our intentions and they casually told a few other people and all of a sudden it was a massive SAU / WRX event with forty people rocking up to the Bunnings meet point, all eager to cut laps on the new black stuff.



We rocked up to the visitor centre and as we slowly marched in you could see the nervous faces of the employees drop, as this was their first ever big group and the track had only been open for a week. Most of us signed up for four ten minute session, and headed down to the track where we received a warm welcome and a quick briefing. They split us into four groups of ten and we headed out for some fun.

The pit crew quickly realized that we were pretty much going to fill up their day and they radioed up to reception to tell them not to accept any more payments.

To our disappointment we couldn't hold sheep stations, because the karts were grossly different in power and grip level. Some karts were sporting wets, some slicks, and other a combination of both. This meant that we quickly

worked out which karts were the quick ones and shared them around so everyone go a go. But by the time we were into our second session we started to slow down for a lap and bunch up before taking off down the straight for some real elbow to elbow racing. This developed many close little battles with leads changing corner by corner and people started to ignore the racing lines and just enjoy the racing and blocking each other just like the V8 Taxi's do. This meant that everyone was coming off the track with big smiles and stories of how "I had you in that corner" and so on.

The track itself was a pretty good replica with similar corner speeds and raised sections just like the big boys track. By the last session we had worked out how to hold it flat for most of the track except for Honda and Lukey Heights.

After all our sessions were complete, it was getting close to 5pm and a few people decided to make a day of it and went into Cowes for a meal, as others battled the traffic home. All in all a tops day.

Chris Thomson (Scotsman)

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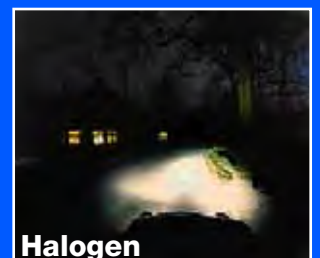
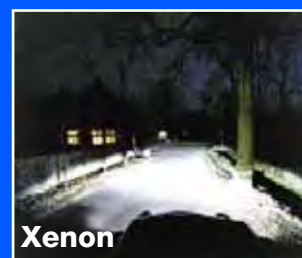
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Event review - cont...

Grape Grazing

One fine February weekend every year, the wineries of Melbourne's Yarra Valley open their doors to the public for the annual Grape Grazing Festival.

Whilst this is touted as a time that people can visit and sample different wines and other fare, it really is just an excuse to sit in the sun and drink. Pete arranged tickets through one of the many tour companies which included visits to three wineries, lunch and the ever-handy (and necessary) transport back to the city.

We met the bus in Ringwood and headed to DeBortoli for our first stop. They had a nice range of reds and whites - with the pick being the 2004 Pinot Noir - and the BBQ corn cobs. Things stayed civilised until the band punched out some Bon Jovi covers and Adz and I found a kids playground centrifuge ride. Trouble brewing.



It's OK Officer - we're not driving

Next stop was Yerring station for lunch and more Pinot. The crowds at this point were getting a bit stronger - and the buzz of the party at the final destination - Rochfords - was growing.

At this point in the day - everything became hilarious. We told jokes, sang songs, hustled some guy from New Zealand and generally made the day more funny for everyone else on the bus.

Rochford did not disappoint - with over 50 tour coaches dropping thousands of party-keen grape grazers. The band was in full swing and I'm sure everyone had a great time - I just can't recall specific details.

A few hours later, we somehow all eventually wound up back on the bus and on our cheery way home. Many laughs and great fun. We'll be back next year!

James Ward (jamezilla)

Event Gallery

Christmas BBQ



Ash assumes his usual role of BBQ chef



Leewah relaxes in the sun



An SAU Vic member's event - and not a Skyline to be seen ;)



Event gallery

Club awards and raffle drawing



Bells chicken parma - tops



Geoff is thrilled to receive his award for Most Valuable Online Contributor



James & Scott toast their awards



Chris is happy to win the major raffle prize of the Kinchrome toolbox - Snowy is happy Chris won so he doesn't have to bring it to track days

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Event gallery

Go-carts at Philip Island



It's on!



Matt and Leewah size up the opposition

Photos by Aaron Foo

Grape Grazing



Big crowds at lunch...



Just a few busses. Ours was the white one.



Those cops just love a photo :)



... bigger crowds later in the afternoon.



Skyline lessons

Skyline back-light

Last year i had my car painted in a similar colour to a Candy Apple Red. I then bought a spare rear "SKYLINE" fascia and had it painted with the car.

The project was off and on for some time till now. Last week I decided to complete the fascia and mount it on my car. Here is a brief description of the work involved and pics of the finished project...

After the spare "SKYLINE" fascia was colour matched, I first used my Dremal tool to cut out the rear of the fascia. In hindsight it may have been better to complete the unit first, before painting, but time was an issue.

[See image 1](#)

Then i used a sharp blade, off a Stanley knife, to gently cut off the paint from each letter. (Not as hard/long as I thought it would be)

[See image 2](#)

Using a Jaycar "bread board" and my electronic experience, I positioned two hi-intensity LEDs in between each letter. This was done to try and minimize the focus of the LEDs. YES, it is damn bright; I may disconnect one wire and only use one LED between each letter.

[See image 3](#)

It is now ready to be secured into position, using "Loctite 406 superglue", then i will coat it with sicaflex to ensure it is as water resistant as the original.

[See image 4](#)

As stated above, i used Sikaflex to seal the board into the fascia. When mounting the fascia i had to remove one of the four bolts to allow the wires to enter the boot. I fastened the ground wires to an existing GND and spliced the +ve wire to the parkers (on the brake light assy). I didn't use any relays as i figured 0.3Amps for the whole circuit isn't a heavy load on the existing factory cabling.

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Jack (JagR33)

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The completed back-light





Bec's Brain Buster

What car is that?

Name each of these obscure cars (with strange doors) - and win a prize!

hint: each car has part of it's name starting with 'B'



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