

Event Calender

Mar 03-04	Icebreaker	CMP	<i>For Race Results go to</i>
Mar 17	Night Masters 11	Barbagallo	http://racing.natsoft.com.au/results
Apr 08	Flying 50	Northam	<i>Championship Points go to</i>
May 19-20	Ernie Hastie	CMP	http://competitiondriversclub.myclub.org.au
Jun 03	Round the Houses	Albany	

Standings

NIGHT MASTERS 1

Feb 17 2018

Well, as me ole mate Tubby asks, "where would you rather be?" Simple answer "at the track with me mates" and that is just what 13 HTC guys did on the 17th at the WASCC Night masters.

Whist not oversubscribed the field was diverse

Peter George who we have not seen for a while suffered overheating problems in qualifying so retire for the evening.

The number 29 car was undergoing an engine change Saturday morning but was beset with problems with the unused spare having faulty head gaskets. At about 6.00 pm the pilot, Jeff Moran called it stumps when he found out that the program had changed at the drivers briefing.

Trevor Fairs also retired early with overheating problems leaving Cono to defend the Marques honour.

Ron Waller had engine issues with the Volvo and also retired early

Last year's dual U 3.0L Nb Champ, Cono broke a clutch in R1 which galvanised his pit crew into action getting the car on the grid for R2 and subsequently R3 Dean Whisson broke a head stud off after race 1, but thanks to the Bandit who was carrying a spare in his kit saved the day.

Ray Hepburn had brake issues all night but had enough to keep Simon at bay. Simon never touched his new ride just drove the wheels off it.

The new brake rotors installed on the Bandits 58 paid off as he streeted the field in R2 and kept a pair of pony cars at bay for the journey in R3

The big Jaguar now Nb compliant lost some of its usual form, but once Laurie gets a handle on it, he will be back on the money.

Big thanks to Mike Gallagher, Brenden Fickling, Max Farrell, Steve Wellstead and Kevin Donovan new member mini drivers came and helped the club all day behind the scenes. Much appreciated

Garry Edwards rolled and torched his IPC car and is all ok so maybe he can come back to HTC ??

Results of course are on Natsoft.

Of interest R2 finish was apparently was not staged, the starter got it right with a 40 second delay resulting in a great spectacle.

R3 which was regarded as the event of the night was because of the grid was set from the results of R2 and not R1 as it should have been.

Committee with be taking a look at this format and exploring its possibilities further.

BREWERS VIEW

Some great racing last Saturday at Barbagallo Raceway for the opening round of Historic Touring Car Racing at the Nightmasters event. Although a smaller than expected field, the racing was typically of great quality. The Bondi Brothers really had the Monaro's on song and dominated race 1 and 2. Simon Northey in the Newly acquired ex Viskovich mustang was up there being harassed by the Flying brick of Cono Onofaro.

Race 2 saw the Bondi boys both get a good start and were able to pull away from Northey in the Mustang. Meanwhile on the second row of the grid, Onofaro pulled straight off at the get go due to a clutch failure. That was bound to happen. After all, it was 10 years old. Back up the front, the Bondi's were trying hard to smoke their rears to death with some awesome synchronised power slides at turn 7 and the exit of turn one Back in the pack the Cortina's were having a great fight amongst each other early and Laurie Lapsley right with them in the Jaguar.

Good luck to our Members heading off to Phillip Island. Be fast but safe and lets hope we can get the car numbers back up for the next Nighmasters event in March.

Don't forget the Northam Motorsport Festival coming up in early April. This 2 day event is a great social weekend with high exposure for your car at the Mount Ommaney Hill climb on the Saturday morning or the Motorkhana event in Minson St late Saturday afternoon. Then of course the Round the houses event all day Sunday. Hope to see you up there.

From the commentary box, till we see each other again, look after yourselves, be safe and enjoy your motorsport.

Regards

Vaughn Brewer

CHANGING OF THE GUARD

2017 saw the end of an era when Bill Meeke hung up his race suit from the cut and thrust of motor racing and selling his mighty Ford Rallye Sprint "Monaco" . Bill was one of the founding fathers of our great club and without his dedication along with others Historic Motor Racing in WA would not be the strong and viable competition it is today. Bill has purchased a modern vehicle which he will be pitting his experience against a clock.

Thanks Bill.

As one door closes another invariably opens with Mike Rowe acquiring a Ford Rallye Sprint from Queensland which he has prepared to compete here . I hope he is able to fill the void left by Bill.