

# ***SPORTS SEDAN NEWS***

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**Chris Jackson 2009 NSW SPORTS SEDAN STATE CHAMPION**



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## Your Committee

The ASSA NSW committee continues to work hard on making Sports Sedans in NSW more competitive, more rewarding and more accessible.

The results have been good, with 17 starters at the opening round of the championship at Eastern Creek, 14 entries for Round 2 at Wakefield Park and 20 entries for Round 3 back at Eastern Creek.

### **The ASSA NSW committee for 2010 is:**

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## President's Report

Things are looking pretty good for the second half of the year for NSW Sports Sedans. The next item on the calendar is Round 4 at Wakefield Park. I'm pleased to say that even now, one month out from the event, Sports Sedan entries are coming in. In fact, as at 1<sup>st</sup> August, there are already well over a dozen entries.

I can also report that a couple of cars that were damaged at previous rounds will be back on track for Wakefield, and there are a few cars that we haven't yet seen this season that will be there as well.

So if you have even half a thought about entering for Round 4, don't hesitate. Get your entries in, get your cars ready and get amongst it. Don't miss out on being part of the biggest field of Sports Sedans Wakefield Park has played host to in many years. Be one of the many drivers who now come out of an event saying, "That was the best racing I've had in ages". Don't believe me? Ask any one of the drivers from Round 3...

The committee has also commenced planning for this year's presentation night. Expect a change on that front too. This year will see a more formalised event, with a sit down meal, a set agenda of presentations and the opportunity to invite family, team members and sponsors along. In short, it will be a presentation night more fitting for the awarding of a State Championship. A separate email with invitation will be sent out and further details appear later in this newsletter, so make sure you pencil the date in for yourself and anyone else you want to bring along – come and enjoy a good night to top off a great season.

So what news of the Soarer, I hear you ask? Well, actually you didn't ask, but I'm going to tell you anyway. There has been a little progress, though to look at the car you probably wouldn't pick it. I've spent a fair amount of time sorting the wiring out. Not only was the car wiring redone in its entirety (the original wiring looms when removed from the car totalled over 25kg), but I also mated the engine loom with the Motec loom.

A couple of little hurdles along the way, not the least of which was the Toyota and Motec wiring diagrams conflicting in relation to how the ignition coils were set up. I decided in the end to go with the Motec version of events, but that meant retracing wires that had already been loomed up (what is it that makes me tidy everything up, put plastic tubing and loom tape everywhere, and *then* check to make sure nothing is missing?), and then cutting and splicing new cabling throughout the length of the main loom. Bugger.

The mounting of the front bumper assembly has been planned, looked at, re-planned and re-examined. So now we vaguely know what we're doing with it. Just waiting on a bit of fiberglass work and it should be ready to put on the car properly. Then it's just a matter of taking a mold of it to reproduce new parts...

And so it goes on.

Cheers,

Andrew McKellar  
President  
ASSA NSW



## ASSA (NSW) CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2010

- Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January – Committee Meeting
- Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February – Committee Meeting
- Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March – Committee Meeting, **General Meeting**
- 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> March **Nationals Round 1** Wakefield Park
- 13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup> March **NSW Round 1** Eastern Creek
- Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> April – Committee Meeting
- 10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup> April **NSW Round 2** Wakefield Park
- Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> May – Committee Meeting, **General Meeting**
- 21<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup> May Super Lap Event Eastern Creek (ASSA Static Display)
- 29<sup>th</sup>/30<sup>th</sup> May **Nationals Round 2** Mallala
- Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> June – Committee Meeting
- 19<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup> June **NSW Round 3** Eastern Creek
- Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> July – Committee Meeting
- Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> August – Committee Meeting, **General Meeting**
- 14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup> August **Nationals Round 3** Morgan Park
- 28<sup>th</sup>/29<sup>th</sup> August **NSW Round 4** Wakefield Park
- Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September – Committee Meeting
- 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> September **Nationals Round 4** Eastern Creek
- Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> October – Committee Meeting
- 23<sup>rd</sup>/24<sup>th</sup> October **NSW Round 5** Eastern Creek
- 23<sup>rd</sup>/24<sup>th</sup> October **Nationals Round 5** Sandown
- Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November – **Presentation Night and Annual General Meeting**
- Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> December – Committee Meeting

## Point Scores

The NSW State Championship point score after Round 3:

2010 Sports Sedans NSW State Championship Point Score						
	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5	Total
Jackson, Chris	57	62	38	0	0	157
Smith, Graham	49	50	40	0	0	139
MacReady, Anthony	54	52	16	0	0	122
Brown, Jeff	42	30	44	0	0	116
Copping, Simon	37	38	39	0	0	114
Stevens, Garry	0	42	43	0	0	85
Millar, Kerry	18	30	30	0	0	78
Sullivan, Sean	20	35	22	0	0	77
Said, Joseph	25	0	44	0	0	69
Leithhead, Andrew	35	31	0	0	0	66
Auld, Michael	30	0	36	0	0	66
Polovic, Berry	49	0	0	0	0	49
Jameson, Dameon	0	0	40	0	0	40
Smith, Nick	0	28	9	0	0	37
Martin, Bill	0	9	0	0	0	9
Brandstater, Jeff	0	0	0	0	0	0
Butler, Scott	0	0	0	0	0	0
Denovan, Terry	0	0	0	0	0	0
Folioni, Carlo	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gattermeier, Erik	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gattermeier, Herbert	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hernando, Michael	0	0	0	0	0	0
Higgins, Rama	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ireland, Kevin	0	0	0	0	0	0
Loftus, David	0	0	0	0	0	0
Long, Mathew	0	0	0	0	0	0
Long, Tony	0	0	0	0	0	0
McKellar, Andrew	0	0	0	0	0	0
McLeod, Peter	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nolan, Denis	0	0	0	0	0	0
Shiels, Stephen	0	0	0	0	0	0
Whittaker, Geoffery	0	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0	0



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And the ASSA NSW Club Championship point score:

2010 NSW ASSA Club Championship Point Score		
	Total	
Copping, Simon	178	
Jackson, Chris	153	
Smith, Graham	137	
Millar, Kerry	127	
MacReady, Anthony	122	
Sullivan, Sean	122	
Brown, Jeff	118	
Leithhead, Andrew	103	
Stevens, Garry	88	
Auld, Michael	77	
Said, Joseph	70	
Polovic, Berry	49	
Jameson, Dameon	41	
Smith, Nick	39	
Martin, Bill	13	
Denovan, Terry	0	
McKellar, Andrew	0	
Whittaker, Geoff	0	



## Entries for Round 4, Wakefield Park

Round 4 of the NSW Sports Sedan Championship is scheduled for 28<sup>th</sup>/29<sup>th</sup> August. The event is also Round 4 of the Victorian U2L Sports Sedan Championship, and Round 1 of the Club X Cup.

Entry forms have been emailed out and are also available on the Wakefield Park website. We are still looking to get close to 30 Sports Sedans on the grid for Round 4 so if you haven't sent your entry in yet, jump on now and get it sorted so you don't miss out on the fun.

Round 4 will be sponsored by:

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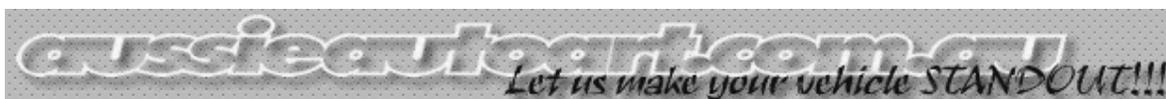


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And:



For the event we are playing host to the U2L Sports Sedans from Victoria. The weekend is a round of their championship, so there'll be about 10 U2L cars making the trip up to compete. All you people with U2L cars in NSW who have not wanted to hit the track because there wouldn't be anyone to race against, here's your chance. I expect we'll see a number of NSW people encouraged to enter for the round, which will mean the field will be loaded with the smaller cars, and that's a good thing.



As the usual format for the Victorian U2L championship rounds is to have one qualifying session and 4 races, Wakefield Park has agreed to stage an extra Sports Sedan race on the Saturday afternoon. The extra race will be for U2L and floorpan cars only, so the chance for some of the non-spaceframe cars in our category to have a go and to shine is better than ever before. It will also be a good chance for all you spaceframe pilots to have a good look at a Sports Sedan race as spectators – believe it or not you can see a lot more going on when you aren't in the middle of it!

The weekend is also the first of two rounds of the U2L Club X Cup, which the Victorian guys are happy to have NSW U2L cars competing for. Here's how the Club X Cup is awarded, according to the U2L website:

If it's on *your* mind, it's on *our* shelves.

**Club X**



### **The Club X Cup**

Proudly supported by Club X and is a inter-championship cup thats held over 2 rounds of the championship, they will be Rds 4 and 5 of this years championship. The basic rules are as shown:

The best lap time set in qualifying will be recorded, and for each lap that you match your qualifying time you will be rewarded with 3 Club X Cup points for the Cup. This is for each race.

EG. At Calder if you qualify with say 1min 05.37 then every lap that you do for the weekend that is in the 1 min 05's you will get 3 points. Say you did 4 laps in the 1.05's then you would get 12 points regardless of your position for that race.

The Club X Cup prize also includes \$500 cash, so maybe it's time a few of our U2L cars in NSW got involved and got on track to have a go.

During the Wakefield Park weekend we will also be playing host to a State of Origin type challenge between NSW and Victoria, the rules and point scoring of which are set out later in this newsletter. There will be a perpetual shield awarded to the winning State, and individual trophies for the winning cars.

An organised social event for the Saturday evening is also being planned. The social event at the last Wakefield Park round proved a success, and the next one promises to be better. Due to the cold weather the social event will be held indoors, with the venue being the Goulburn Workers Club, where we have booked a function room. All Sports Sedan drivers, family and crews are invited to attend, so if you're going to Goulburn for the weekend, then please incorporate the Saturday evening into your schedule.

As mentioned in a previously circulated email, garages at Wakefield Park will be over subscribed. Get in early with your entry if you want a garage or carport for the weekend.

Likewise, accommodation in Goulburn that weekend is filling up fast (a couple of other categories are having big weekends too it seems), so book early.

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## **State of Origin Challenge**

During the Wakefield Park Round 4 weekend we will be playing host to a State of Origin type challenge between NSW and Victoria. With the variation in the number and type of Sports Sedans that will be entered, the rules for the challenge have been devised to allow each State a fair go at obtaining the perpetual State of Origin trophy.

The trophy will be awarded by taking the average lap time of all finishers from each State to decide the overall winner. Taking the average lap time rather than the outright finishing positions or lap times allows for a much fairer chance for each State team to take out the trophy.



## **Presentation Night**

Planning is already underway for the ASSA Presentation Night, which will be held on the evening of Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November at the Marconi Club.

The presentation night was discussed at the last two committee meetings and it was agreed that the awarding of a State Championship was possibly something that deserved more than a sausage sizzle at someone's workshop. The consensus was that a more formal evening, with competitors, their partners (and/or anyone else they want to invite), sponsors and CAMS representation was more suitable, and in line with the professional image that we are trying to portray as a category.

The social event on the Saturday at the last Wakefield Park round, together with feedback from family and crew members of the drivers at the track at each event this year, showed that people other than the drivers want to be involved, so a more formalised Presentation allows this.

So far on the agenda for the evening we have a guest speaker, live entertainment, video clips and slide show presentations of Sports Sedan action throughout the season, and presentation of trophies/awards for various achievements, including:

- Gregg McShane (President's) Award
- Vice President's Award
- ASSA Club Champion
- Space Frame Class – 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>
- Floor Pan Class – 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>
- Best Presented Award
- ASSA Committee Encouragement Award

Tickets for the Presentation Night will be about \$36 each (to be confirmed by our Vice-President in the next week or so), which includes a 2-course meal, the night's entertainment and entry into a lucky door prize. Drinks are able to be purchased separately. That's a very reasonable price, so start thinking about who you'd like to bring along on the night. The dress code for the evening is smart-casual.

Expect a phone call from a committee member very soon as we need to gauge an approximate of how many people we should expect on the night so that the correct facilities can be booked.

## Can I Help?

Do you know someone who owns a Sports Sedan?

Are they competing, or not?

If they aren't, do you know why?

Is there a Sports Sedan just sitting in someone's shed, begging to be raced?

The committee is working hard to entice more cars onto Sports Sedan grids this year, so if you know someone with a car in their shed, why not help the cause by trying to get them onto the track? Have a chat to them; see what you can do to assist!

And if you *are* that person, with a perfectly good Sports Sedan locked away, get it out of the garage, put it on the track and come racing. The more the merrier.



## Sports Sedans DVDs For Sale

A bit of interest was generated at the static display at Eastern Creek in relation to the Sports Sedan music videos that were playing. If you would like to obtain copies of the clips they are available for sale on DVD. There are 7 clips in total on 2 DVDs, with 6 music videos and 1 unedited on-board camera video from Jeff Brown's Falcon at the final 2009 round at Oran Park.

The 2-DVD pack costs \$5 for members and \$10 for non-members, and can be ordered through Andrew McKellar.



## **Club Meetings for 2010**

An open invitation is extended to all ASSA members to attend committee meetings, which are held on the first Tuesday of each month, from 7pm.

In addition, all members are invited to attend general meetings to be held in March, May and August. These meetings will include guest speakers and lots of information for the benefit of all members.

The Presentation Night and Annual General Meeting are scheduled for November (see separate section in this newsletter). A schedule of events with all meeting dates and State and National rounds is also included with this newsletter.

Please note the committee and general meeting venue has changed for the rest of 2010. The new venue is:

**O'Donoghue's Irish Pub (Upstairs Function Room)**  
**99 Great Western Highway**  
**Emu Plains**





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## **Round Sponsorship**

A number of businesses have lent financial support to the ASSA and the championship this year. Advertisements for our sponsors will appear throughout the newsletters and on our cars at each round of the championship. The committee would like to thank the following businesses:

- CSJ Engineering (Round 1 Sponsor)
- AGM Engineering (Round 1 Sponsor)
- Bavariacars (Round 2 Sponsor)
- Doulman Automotive (Round 2 Sponsor)
- Koen Photo (Round 3 Sponsor)
- Jim Aitken & Partners (Round 3 Sponsor)
- Air Technology Australia (Round 4 and Best Presented Award Sponsor)
- Aussie Auto Art (Round 4 Sponsor)
- Syd-Fab (Round 5 Sponsor)
- Specialised On Site Fibreglass (Round 5 Sponsor)

Any members who need to put new sponsor stickers on their cars please contact Andrew McKellar.



## **New Website**

The new ASSA website has been uploaded to a new hosting site. The domain name has been re-registered, so the new website will have the following web address:

[www.sportsedan.com.au](http://www.sportsedan.com.au)

Our thanks go to Martin Koen who has spent a good deal of time designing the new website, and will continue to provide technical support and updates for the site in the future. The efforts of Terry Denovan who has been involved in the domain logistics, website updates and technical support are also very much appreciated.

The NSW Motor Race Advisory Panel (MRAP) now also has a website. The site includes information about the latest in NSW motor sports news, rule changes and advising, and news and results from the NSW championship categories, including Sports Sedans. You can find the website here:

[www.nswracer.com](http://www.nswracer.com)



## Newsletter Submissions

Was that one race just more spectacular for you? Did you get your best result ever? Did you go through three engines and a gearbox in one weekend? Why not tell everyone about it?

Member contributions for articles in the newsletter are most welcome. Our enormous editing staff (well, there's two of us) can help you out, so you'll always have an article that is in the newsletter format. Even bad spellers (like your esteemed President) can be made to look good here.

So why not have a go? Tell us your story.



## Have Your Event Entry Fees Paid For

All members who enter an event will automatically go into the draw for a 2010 "lottery", with one member from each round having their entry fees for the next round paid for by the ASSA, thanks to the generosity of the businesses that have come on board this year as Round Sponsors.

Once you have been drawn out at one event, your name gets removed from future draws, so everyone who enters an event gets the chance to win. How easy is that?

Congratulations to Kerry Millar, who will have his entry fees for Round 4 paid for.



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## ASSA Membership for 2010

Membership fees for 2010 have been reduced significantly to \$70. New membership forms are available on the website or can be sent out on request. Membership fees can also be paid via direct deposit into the ASSA account. If you would like a new membership form to be sent to you please contact Chris Jackson.

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## 2010 Best Presented Award

Thanks to the generosity of our sponsors, 2010 will see the awarding of a “Best Presented” prize. The award includes a perpetual trophy and an individual trophy each year. To be eligible all you have to do is turn up and race, having put a little pride and preparation into your beloved Sports Sedan. An independent judge representing one of our sponsors will allocate points at each round of the championship for the cars deemed to be best presented, with the winning car being that with the most accumulated points over the year.

The running tally after Round 3 is:

Bill Martin	Mazda RX7	3 points
Sean Sullivan	Nissan Bluebird	3 points
Berry Polovic	Mazda RX7	3 points
Simon Copping	Commodore	2 points
Jeff Brown	Ford Falcon	2 points
Michael Auld	Commodore	2 points
Andrew Leithhead	Alfa Romeo	1 point
Joe Said	Fiat 124	1 point
Anthony Macready	Nissan 300ZX	1 point

## Used Tyre Register

Some of the front running drivers change tyres fairly frequently, and the tyres they are removing still have quite good, usable rubber for the rest of us to take advantage of by purchasing them used for a cheaper price than new tyres. If you have used tyres that you'd like to advertise in the register please send the details to Andrew McKellar, including tyre sizes, number of tyres and the price you want for them. Likewise if you are looking for tyres send the details of what size you are looking for and your request will be included in the register.

This should be a good way for all of us to save a bit of money, so take advantage of the offer when you can.

No Used Tyre Register entries for this newsletter.

## **Classifieds Section**

If you have anything you want to buy, sell or trade send the details to Andrew McKellar for inclusion in the classifieds.

- 4 x Dunlop Slicks - brand new – never used 325/700 x 16 & 290/625 x 16  
Must be sold as a set – will not separate.
- 2 x 2<sup>nd</sup> hand Dunlop Wets – 325/700 x 16
- Diff Assy
  - without centre – to take Ford 9”
  - Romac floating hubs – Ford stud pattern
  - can be modified to fit any sports sedan
- 2<sup>nd</sup> hand Dunlop Slicks – sizes as above
- 2 x Front Brake Disc – with hats – Ford stud pattern
- 2 x Brembo 4 Piston Callipers – must be sold as a set – will not separate
- 2 x Brembo 2 Piston Callipers – must be sold as a set – will not separate
- 4 x 12” x 16” wheels (3 piece) – must be sold as a set – i.e. 2 x front and 2 x rear
- 4 x 10” X 16” wheels (3 piece) – must be sold as a set – i.e. 2 x front and 2 x rear
- 2 x Aluminium Fuel Tanks – approx 22ltr each – sold as a pair
- Carbon Fibre/Aluminium Wing – only used 2 – 3 race meetings
- Body Panels – VL Commodore: 2 x RH Front Guards, 1 x LH Front Guard, 1 x Bonnet, 1 x Boot, 1 x LH Rear ¼ Panel, 1 x RH Rear ¼ panel, 2 x Front Spoiler - New & 2<sup>nd</sup> Hand
- Engine - disassembled
  - Chev approx 500hp
  - incomplete
- Engine - disassembled
  - Chev 640+hp – Dyno sheet avail
  - incomplete

**Genuine enquiries only - pricing on application**

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## **The Final Word**

*For each newsletter a member will be asked to contribute a short article, on a subject matter of their choice. The article will be published as the final word, to cap off each newsletter. For this month's submission we welcome:*

**Jeff Brown, ASSA Committee Member**

### **Fire Bomb Servicing**

In June my on-board fire system (fire bomb) cylinder was due for servicing so I started to make inquiries about having it serviced. I rang the importers of the system (Sparco) and their response was, "We will have to ship it to Brisbane to be serviced. Cost should be about \$150 to \$200". I thought to myself, what can they do in Brisbane that we can't do in Sydney?

Armed with my cylinder I then paid a visit to Extinguisher Services at Rydalmere. Initially they were hesitant to touch it because it does not conform to Australian standards (all writing on the cylinder is in Italian). But after a bit further discussion I got to talk to the service manager who is a car buff and after a further few minutes he said the only way we can certify it is to empty and refill it. I asked what the cost would be and the reply was "about \$40". I picked up the cylinder about 5 days later.

Company Details:

Extinguisher Services Pty Ltd  
14 Euston Street  
Rydalmere 2116

Phone 9638-0587

Contact: David Beatty (Service Manager)

If anyone goes there and they are hesitant to touch it ask for the service manager; if he is not available leave the cylinder with your details and ask him to call you. Tell them they have done them before (empty and refill) and you should be able to get your certification.



***For obvious reasons your ASSA NSW Committee recommends the use of on-board fire systems.***