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**Jan 27**      **GENERAL MEETING**  
Thurs – Yes that is correct, Thurs 27<sup>th</sup> @ 8:15pm

**MEETING HELD AT WOMEN'S PLAYING FIELDS, CORNER AYLIFFS RD & SHEPHERDS HILL RD**

**Sat Feb 5<sup>th</sup>**

**CAMS SA/NT 2010 Awards Presentation Night**  
The Shores, West Beach

**Sun Feb 6<sup>th</sup>**

**Annual Economy Run and 2010 Club Presentation BBQ**  
Further details inside magazine

**Wed Feb 9<sup>th</sup>**

**February General Meeting**

**Sun Feb 20<sup>th</sup>**

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# Presidential Ponderings



Hi everybody,

Well with a new year of motorsport comes new challenges for drivers, co-drivers and event organisers alike, we have the Economy run and presentation BBQ on February the 6<sup>th</sup>. The Economy Run starts at 9.30am from the McLaren Vale Hotel, Main Road, McLaren Vale; we would love to see you there.

front cover).

If you're not able to do the run, but still wish to come to the Presentation BBQ, please give me a call on my mobile (see inside the

Our competition year begins with a Motorkhana at Lanac Park on the 20<sup>th</sup> of February. Neville Smallcombe will be running the event so please come out and support him by competing or offering to be an official on the day.

If anyone has a new car for 2011 please drop a few lines and send them to Trevor with details and maybe a photo or two, Yes I'm talking to you, Guy Tyler and anyone else..

Finally, I'd like to thank everyone for their help last year and wish everyone a safe and Happy 2011!

**Jim McGough**  
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# **SDCC Economy Run and Trophy Presentations**

**6th February 2011 - McLaren Vale**

Take a scenic drive through the southern rural, costal and suburban areas (well maybe, after all it's a mystery drive!) and answer questions along the way for your chance to win prizes.

Sorry, no prize for the first to the finish... the skill is in observation and economy!

Meet at the McLaren Vale Hotel after filling your car to the second "click" at the Shell service station across from the car park. At the conclusion of the drive, SDCC will host a BBQ lunch (BBQ and salads, bread, plates & cutlery will be provided) and then sit back and enjoy the annual SDCC trophy and award presentations.

Bring your Family and Friends (members and non-members welcome)...

Hat and Sunscreen...

Pens, Eyes and Thinking Caps...

Picnic Rugs and Chairs...

Drinks and a Salad or Dessert to share

- Cost: \$5 per car
- Where: Meet at McLaren Vale Hotel, Main Road, McLaren Vale
- When: 9:30am
- Bring: salad or dessert to share
- Finish after approx. 100km will be at Aldinga Beach, touring via Mylor and Scott Creek
- A marked up map with all observations clearly marked will be supplied, so you should not get lost

Additional Information supplied by Graham Van der Hoek

- Please bring a working torch – yes that is correct a torch!  
As there is an observation that requires an approx. 15 minute return walking trip to an intriguing and interesting area.  
Suitable footwear for this walk is recommended

# Fees Set for 2011 and Now Due

As per SDCC Constitution, the 2011 Membership fees were set at the recent Annual General Meeting

Junior	-	\$30.00
Adult	-	\$60.00
Family	-	\$70.00

For your convenience a membership renewal form has been included in this magazine.

So why not fill it in now and bring it along to the next meeting on Thurs 27<sup>th</sup> Jan

Details for this event are advertised further in the magazine

The way this year has flown, it will not be long until the first event for 2011 and renewing your membership now will make it a little easier at this first event.

Trevor Palmer



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## SDCC Dirt Motorkhana 1 20th February 2011 - Club - Lanac Park

Come and enjoy the spectacle as club members battle in SDCC's first competitive event for 2011. Spectators are welcome to come and enjoy the fun! As always, the canteen will be open all day for refreshments and a BBQ lunch.

Supp Regs available soon

- Cost: \$TBA (Juniors \$TBA)
- Entries close: At the end of scrutiny
- Scrutineering: 10:00am - 10:45am
- Drivers Briefing: 10:50am
- Competition Starts: 11:00am

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## **SDCC goes to SEAC**

### **- a Journey of Discovery**

**by Mark Ferguson-Power**

We set off to Mt Gambier on a cloudy and cool Thursday morning. Meeting at Taj Ma"Mal" in McLaren Vale, the "\$#!+' so ca\$h" team was ready to roll. Andrew Admiraal towing the glorious Yunda, Mal Cox towing his venerable VN, Darryl Power running "shotgun" with his trusty Triton, and myself driving my own freshly spruced VN (thanks Dad).

The initial run was easy after the brief wait at the Wellington Ferry. Whilst there, discussion about Pelican Stew was rife in the Triton with many photos getting taken for the cook book.

50 klms out of Kingston, experiencing smoking, shuddering and a splash of flame, my VN suffered a failed wheel bearing. After a closer inspection, whilst Mal performed one of the fastest roadside disk removals in known history, fishing for the required parts from his own car, we soon found my car was not fixable on the side of the road. Zayne, Brandon and I stayed with the crippled car while the others drove on to Kingston to unload the Butterfly Effect Yunda and work out a plan. Leaving the Yunda in the care of the Kingston Shell Roadhouse, the rest of the team went onto the Mount, with Darryl and Andrew coming back to pick up the Commodore. 1 phone call later, Darryl had organised the Yunda to be picked up on a low loader and brought to the Mount (saving us a 5 hour round trip) and had a workshop with a hoist organised to fix the VN.

A BIG thank you must go to Paul Heenan from SEAC, for allowing us the use of his workshop facilities, and also for picking up the Yunda.

The next stage of the trip saw the five boys in the Adventra with an Abba Gold CD and a Queen Greatest Hits CD. Might I say that we were awesome in our "Kar Karaoke"; with the Roadhouse in Millicent lucky enough to experience (endure) our rendition "Bohemian Rhapsody". Arriving in Mt Gambier in the early evening to finally catch up with the rest of the "\$#!+' so ca\$h" crew, we had the opportunity to chillax, have a few quiet bev's, a home cooked meal (thanks Daz) (and Tanya J) and work out the plan for the VN's repairs the next day.

Friday morning had me realising that I needed a complete front right hand strut assembly as the nut had gotten so hot from the bearing failure that it had welded on. We set off to the Mingbool Wrecking Yard in the sticks just north of Mt Gambier. Feeling like we'd just arrived at Wolf Creek, Mal and I organise to have the guy there get the "new" strut assembly and have my own spring and shocker put in it.

The yard had cars of all brands and ages absolutely everywhere, and while Mal and I were waiting for the strut to be finished, the rest of the team made friends with the owner of the yard, a character named Dennis, was just getting ready to head off to Horsham with his classic Speedway car for a weekend of dirt oval racing. This proved fruitful, as they were able to score a brand new rim for Nev's trailer for the spare that he has wanted to replace for years. Having everything that we need, we headed back to Paul's workshop to put the VN back together.

A few hours later, with Mal's knowledge and experience, Nev's wise advice and Darryl's something, the VN was ready to roll.



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**Brenton Udy**

The next day saw us arrive at SEAC Park. The SEAC team were very supportive and extremely happy that we had come down for the event and helped us in any way that they could, and what a track! We took the time to walk the track as a team with advice and ideas coming from all quarters. How to handle the bridge; how to miss the tree; how to line up for the tunnel; how to find the nearest toilet....we knew that we were going to have a blast.

The first run was trouble free for me (and the rest of the team), finding lines and traction and getting in the groove. The second run saw Darryl taking a chunk from the rear bumper of the VN glancing something on the track, mine was again clean. The third run had Darryl rip off the whole rear bumper, nudging a bank on a double apexed right hander doing one of the best power slides I have ever seen, and again I was clean. The next run, Darryl found a nice embankment to "straighten" his line, and smashed the headlight, front bumper and wrecked the exhaust in the process. Aw yeah, and my run was clean. The rest of the day ran quite smoothly apart from a few spins here and there, notably the synchronised spin that Brandon and Zayne did during their run; Brandon just after the tunnel at exactly the same time that Zayne did his just after the bridge - great to watch.

All in all we each had a fantastic time and looking forward to do it again next year.....  
but maybe/hopefully with a little less damage to the VN.



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## Front Cover



A most unfortunate shot of 000 driven by Mal Cox experiencing a minor problem with SS in the recent Kuitpo Rally. Being the first car on the road in a rally has it's problems with varying weather conditions.

Not quite the car-nage that occurred at the recent V8 Supercar race but the damage reported to the Team Principal Tania was quite considerable. Andrew Admiraal's mechanical knowledge is a little (?) limited so it is obviously not as bad as he reported.

Luckily with help from FIV (Mik Langsford) they were extricated

quite quickly and were able to complete their duties for the remainder of the Events Special Stages without further incident.

I do recall that Deputy Clerk of Course Michael Clements issued an advice notice to 000 "That SS was slippery part way through the stage"






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## End of Year BBQ Sat 4<sup>th</sup> Dec 2010

Unfortunately due to a double booking I was unable to attend but by all accounts was an excellent social event.

Thanks Andrew for providing the venue

# Mount Alma Mile

## 2nd-3rd April 2011 - Mount Alma

This is the third running of this event on the SDCC calendar, and promises to be even more exciting than last year! The event is being held on a challenging stretch of road that winds its way up Mount Alma.

This event provides the perfect opportunity for those who want to test tarmac set up and get some tarmac experience leading into the Adelaide Hills Tarmac Rally in May!

The Mount Alma Mile Hillclimb runs a unique results system, which combines times from all runs to rank the competitors and decide on the overall top 12. This system rewards consistent drivers with reliable vehicles, as one wrong move or a mechanical failure could put you out of the running. Spectators also get to see each car attempt the maximum number of runs.

As the gradient at times is 19% this mountain(?) has been a happy hunting ground for 4wd vehicles and turbo charged vehicles, this year there will be a top 12 for 4wd vehicles and a separate top 12 for 2wd's.

Yes there will be two shootouts! That makes it twice the fun!!

Visit the official site [www.mountalmamile.com](http://www.mountalmamile.com) for further details.

Registration for Media and Officials for the 2011 Mount Alma Mile are now open on the website.

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# Jim McGough's Summation of the latter part of 2010

(actually his President's Report for December but it seemed such a waste not to use it!)

The 2010 Kuitpo Forest Rally has been Run and won and despite losing a couple of entries due to the change of date, we ended up with a high quality field for the final battle for the 2010 SA Rally Championship. After a wet lead up to the event the Recce day was probably the easiest in my memory but more rain overnight caused an extremely slippery first few stages.

The Day ended with a well deserved win to Gary Brown and Mike Dale in the trusty old VR4, Second was Russell Marker and Karien Heimsohn in their WRX and they won the Autosport SA Rally Championship. Third was Sandy and Charlie Nott in the Evo 4. Our own Club members Guy Tyler and Brendon Warner also managed to pull off a win in the 2010 SA Clubman Series, not bad for a FWD Corolla. For full results, you can visit [www.kuitporally.com](http://www.kuitporally.com) .

We also had the final round of the Club Motorkhana series where everyone was given a lesson in driving by Michael Clements where he won by 17 seconds, I came in second after a cone penalty, Graham Vanderhoek was third in Nev's Leone and Andrew McGough made an impressive debut on dirt in my Pulsar finishing 0.52 of a second off the podium. Also notably Jake Clements was 0.13 of a second further back and 1<sup>st</sup> junior.

Well that is season 2010 over and done with. Now to look forward to 2011, we have the Economy run and presentation BBQ on February the 6<sup>th</sup>, with a 9.30am start from the McLaren Vale Hotel, Main Road, McLaren Vale. We would love to see you there. Our competition year begins with a Motorkhana at Lanac Park on the 20<sup>th</sup> of February.

Jim McGough

## Coming events

Motorkhana Rd 1 – Sun 20<sup>th</sup> Feb @ Lanac Park

SDCC JDP 1 – Sat 12<sup>th</sup> March @ Lanac Park

At time of printing there were vacancies in this year's program, contact Felicity Wood on 0416 924 597 or [jdp@sdcc.asn.au](mailto:jdp@sdcc.asn.au)

Khanacross Rd 1 – Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> March @ Lanac Park

Hillclimb – Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> & Sun 3<sup>rd</sup> April @ Mt Alma Road



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Type	How many?	Cost	Total
Day membership only		\$20.00	
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