



COMPETITOR BULLETIN

January 2013

As we lead up to another great year of Drag Racing at Hidden Valley we have plenty of things happening that we would like to share with you. After recent feedback we have fine-tuned several areas of our events that we hope will improve your experience at Hidden Valley.

COMPETITOR PITS

That's right, you have asked and we have listened. As of 2013 we will be using the bitumen V8 Supercar pit area for all Track Championship events. Pit garages will be for hire with final details still being finalised by the committee and they will be released ASAP. A map of the pit layout is included later in this bulletin. Unfortunately power will be at a premium so we urge competitors to make alternate arrangements as the only known power source are the pit garages.

We understand this moves the pits further away from the crowd but we see this as a long term plan with a far improved facility for our competitors. The ongoing drainage issues, uneven ground and congestion of the existing pits have been a concern for some time and migration to the V8 Supercar pit paddock will alleviate this pain.

Off Street events will continue to utilise the existing grass pit area due to conflicts with other events hosted at the venue.

PIT CLEANING

As the venue is used most Sunday's we need to ensure we leave the V8 Pits clean. You can help by cleaning up any rubbish and putting in the supplied bins. If you can help empty the bins in the supplied dumpsters it would save those dedicated few officials from cleaning up after you at 4am in the morning.

SCRUTINEERING (ESP AUDITS)

Scrutineering for Track Championship events will be held in the V8 Supercar scrutineering compound. Refer to the map later in this bulletin.

2013 SEASON CALENDAR

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| Mar-29 | Off Street / T&T |
| Apr-27 | Season Opener |
| May-03 | BTH Off Street |
| May-18 | Track Champs Rd2 |
| Jun-28 | BTH Off Street |
| Jul 12-13 | 2013 NT Titles |
| Jul-26 | BTH Off Street |
| Aug-03 | Track Champs Rd4 |
| Aug 16-17 | ANDRA Pro Series |
| Sep-07 | Track Champs Rd6 |
| Sep-13 | BTH Off Street |
| Sep-21 | Season Finale |
| Sep-27 | BTH Off Street |

2013 MEMBERSHIPS

We have gone electronic with our memberships to save you having to print out forms and fax them off or try to find a good old stamp. Register a new account and log into the Competitor Area on the website. There you will see a 2013 MEMBERSHIP event that you can register for and pay via credit card. We will receive your entry and can then arrange a 2013 membership pack to be posted out to you.

WORKING BEE

Watch this space – date to be released soon

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STAGING LANES

With the changes to the competitor pits for Track Championship events this will also change our staging lane format. The traditional staging lanes will now become the fire up area with only the next pair of vehicles to move into the fire up area. The staging lanes will now be along the return road from the V8 pits and along in front of the control tower. There will be a buffer zone with crew not being allowed to stand along the concrete wall.

Off Street events will remain unchanged.

NEW RACE CLASSES

Another area of feedback suggested the majority of racers wanted to see a split in the Super Sedan class due to the varying ET's. We reviewed the possibility of running a dedicated Modified bracket but average attendance would have put the category at risk of meeting its minimum 4 car limit. Instead we have refined the Outlaw class and made way for a new category, Top Sportsman.

All categories including Exhibition are to run at the time defined in the event schedule. While we have tried to be lenient in the past by letting people bump in at the last minute, this has caused us and your fellow racers frustration and confusion. Be sure you are lined up prior to your scheduled sessions.

Be sure to check out the new bracket definitions on the website. We welcome your feedback.

OUTLAWS

Outlaw will have the following changes to make way for the new Top Sportsman category;

- Increase from 2 rounds and a final to 3 rounds and a final (note this does mean you will have approximately 60 minutes for turnaround)
- Change to ET cutoff from 8.50 now maximum ET of 8.00

EXHIBITION

Exhibition is restricted to Group 1 vehicles only with a set 3 passes per night.

TOP SPORTSMAN

Top Sportsman bridges the gap between Super Sedan and Outlaws. Still run under the Group 3 Dial Your Own format it pits all Group 3 categories running between 8.00 and 8.99 in a single category.

SUPER SEDAN

Super Sedan still remains the same being for all Super Sedan and Modified vehicles running 10.99 or quicker with no lower ET cutoff.

If any bracket does not have the minimum 4 vehicles at the end of qualifying it will be seeded with the next slowest bracket for the night.

CREW

As per ANDRA guidelines, teams will be restricted to the following crew;

Top Fuel/Nitro Funny Car – 12 including driver
T/A, T/D, Pro Stock, T/B, PSM – 7 incl driver/rider
All Group 2 and Outlaws – 6 incl driver/rider
All other Group 3/4 – 4 including driver/rider

As Top Sportsman can include SCO spec vehicles it will be provided the same crew as Outlaws.

EVENT TIMES

Be sure to check out the specific event schedules which will be released the week leading up to each event for changes. If you print out a copy you will know exactly when you are scheduled to race.

ONLINE ENTRY SYSTEM

The entry process remains the same. You will need to register for an account to be able to log into the Competitor Area. This allows you to fill out all your important contact and vehicles details. Once you are logged in you will be able to enter any event at Hidden Valley Drag Strip. The only fields that need to be updated for each event are your bracket, vehicle class, crew names and HVDRA membership number. This should make it even easier to enter for events.

MEMBER DISCOUNTS

For only \$25 you can become a member of Hidden Valley Drag Racing Association. As a member you are entitled to a \$5 competitor discount at all Off Street events and a massive \$40 discount on all Track Championship events. Be sure to register for your membership online in the Competitor Area and include your member number when entering events. This ensures you will receive your \$40 discount.

LICENSES AND LOG BOOKS

We have a LOT of new vehicles and combinations. Just check out our news article on the website to see some of the new cars hitting the strip this year.

Make sure you don't leave it until the last minute, check your ANDRA license, log book and tech inspection are all current and up to date.

If you are stepping into a new car, or are getting a new license remember you must go through the associated ANDRA licensing processes. All competitors debuting a new car or re-licensing must make contact with the ANDRA Stewards at the track and ensure their passes follow the associated licensing processes.

DIAL IN BOARDS

Just a reminder, dial in boards are compulsory for all vehicles that are not able to have their dial in written on their front windscreen.

It is compulsory for all vehicles that do not have a front windscreen to run a dial in board. This is a very cheap way of allowing you to clearly display your dial

ins. These need to be visible from the front and/or right hand side of the vehicle.

For sedans, if you still want to write your dial in on your window please do so but make sure it is clearly legible from the front and right hand side of the vehicle. The officials may not always be handy with a spare marker but the markers are readily available from stationary supply stores for only a few dollars, the perfect addition to your toolkit.

RACER PROFILES

We have received a few calls in recent weeks asking if we could publish details of a competitor's car. We are always looking for stories. We need a good quality photograph of the vehicle and some words, or at least some details. If it's newsworthy you may even be lucky enough to see it in one of the many Darwin and National media outlets that we send to.

If there is enough interest, we may even establish a Racers Profile section on the website.

VOLUNTEER OFFICIALS

As the size of our events continue to grow and the number of competitors increase, so too does the need for volunteer officials. Here at Hidden Valley Drag Strip we are all unpaid volunteers that just love to host a great event. To keep up with demands we need more people to help lend a hand. Do you have a partner, teenage children or just some mates that would like to help? Get in contact with us via phone or email as we are bound to have something to do before, during or after events.



