



Mazda MX-5 Club of NSW Inc
ABN 82 599 208 521

Competition Report for the Year 2012 - 2013

It gives me great pleasure to report on another successful competition year for the Mazda MX-5 Club of NSW. Activities have included our own track days at Wakefield Park and the South Circuit at Sydney Motor Sport Park, a Driver Training Day at the Marulan Driver Training Centre, and club members competing at open CAMS events either supersprints, regularities or races.

Club Track Days

On the club scene, we have conducted five track days, three at Wakefield Park and two on the new South Circuit at Sydney Motorsport Park in the year 2012-2013. All events were very well supported with an average 72 competitors at each meeting. The highest number of entries was 81 at the December 2012 meeting at Wakefield Park. All of the events were conducted on Sundays. Although we conducted rounds of the State Supersprint Championship in both 2012 and 2013, neither occurred during our 2012/13 competition year. To the club members and visitors who continue to support our track days the committee and organisers would like to thank you for your support.

The annual NSW/Victoria Interstate Challenge was conducted in the first half of 2012, hosted by the Victorians. We will host the 2013 event at Wakefield Park in November.

Despite the higher cost of running track days at SMSP, the Club's competition events continued to provide positive profits towards the Club's financial results for the year 2012/13.

Driver Training Day

In addition to the five track days, one Driver Training Day was conducted at the Marulan Driver Training Centre in March 2013. Thirty-eight club members participated, being coached by eight experienced Club competition drivers – thank you for your assistance in carrying out this important role.

Presentation Night

Our May Track Day brought to a close the 2012/2013 Competition Year. Competitors and Officials who have supported the Club's Track Days were presented with their trophies and gifts of appreciation following our July 2013 track day. The presentation function was held at the ARDC's Club Room "The Garage" at Sydney Motorsport Park. This was a break from our tradition of joining the Competition Presentation with the Club's Annual General Meeting.



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Supersprints

In the 2012 CAMS New South Wales Supersprint Championship, the Mazda MX-5 Club was the winner of the Club Champions Shield for the eighth time since the club's first win in 1999. Club President Bryan Shedden receiving the Shield and Trophy at the CAMS Presentation Night held in December last year.

Congratulations to the following club members who all contributed to this fine result. Ralph Thompson (winner of class 2B), Steve Green (winner of class 3B), James Horne, Phil Abraham, Bryan Shedden, Russ Maxwell, Luke Kovacic, Peter Browning, Keith Monaghan, Glenn Thomas, Phil Munnings, Stewart Temesvary, Robert Young, Bradley Cecil, Kevin Addison, Phil Ashton, Scott McGarry, Craig Durrant, David Alland, Chris Ballard, Tony King and Mike Hicks.

The CAMS Australian Supersprint Championship for 2012 was conducted at Collie in Western Australia in November. Because of the distance from home-base there were no entrants from the MX-5 Club of NSW. The 2013 event will be at Phillip Island in November.

There remains only one more of the scheduled 8 rounds of the 2013 State Championship to be run. Currently the club is in second place in the Club Championship on 913 points, 100 behind the ARDC. In 2013, our club played host to round 6 at Wakefield Park on 18th August. A field of seventy-two drivers had the opportunity to compete in eight runs in ideal weather conditions for August. Once again club members who acted as officials were able to take advantage of the discounted entry fee on the following day's club track day.

By conducting a supersprint round each year the Club is able to contribute to motorsport as a return for the enjoyment that many of our members gain in open competition. Additionally the club is rewarded financially.

Regularities and Races

In August 2012, three teams with four cars in each team travelled to Phillip Island to compete in the six-hour regularity relay. With a total entry of 50 teams the Club acquitted itself well finishing second, seventh and fifteenth.

Over the past year, Club members have competed in open events (races and regularities) conducted by the Festival of Sporting Cars at both Wakefield Park and the South Circuit at Sydney Motorsport Park, in Production Sports Car races in the CAMS NSW State Race Championship and MRA races at Wakefield Park.



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The Future

After having served on the committee for the past twelve and a half years I have decided it is time to step back from the Committee position of Competition Secretary and I will not be re-nominating for election to the Committee. Having said that I, along with Zan & Rod Menzel, am prepared to continue to organise and conduct the Club's competition events if required by the Club's committee. A Competition sub-committee has been formed to assist.

Mike Hicks
Competition Secretary
Mazda MX-5 Club of NSW Incorporated

Annual General Meeting
23 October 2013