



SLK DRIVERS CLUB OF NSW Inc.

JUNE 2014 QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

CLUB REGISTRATIONS

Things have moved quickly since the February meeting when we decided to form our SLK World Sydney group into a formal car club.

After lodging the application with our minutes and Constitution, Incorporation was approved by the Dept. Of Fair Trading in April.

That allowed us to open an interest free cheque account with Westpac Bank to conduct our affairs.

Our application for affiliation with the Confederation of Australian Motor Sport has been accepted and submitted for approval by the Council. The affiliation fee also provides public liability cover for our driving events subject of us obtaining a permit to hold the event. This is cost free.

CLUB WEBSITE

Certainly the most significant development since we formed the Club is the creation of the Club website at slkdriversclub.com.au

This highly applauded initiative was taken by Martin Ganner whose dedicated commitment to the task produced a professional site, superior in appearance and ready access to any other car club site regardless of the size of the organisation.

Bearing in mind his is a voluntary contribution, the saving to our meagre bank balance is inestimable when compared to the public exposure we could never have achieved otherwise.

The inaugural Committee has recognized his effort by making its first official appointment.

Take the opportunity to congratulate Martin, the Club's Webmaster on a magnificent achievement.

WEBSITE CONTRIBUTIONS

Yes, the website is here and it is great!

So what contribution do you intend making to keep it current and interesting? Where are your photographs of groups of members, cars on runs or technical information you downloaded and hoarded in your documents file? You can be a more active participant by sending them to Martin, so please do so.

MEMBERSHIP - LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

A condition of both Incorporation and CAMS affiliation requires a minimum number of members otherwise both are cancelled.

We have overcome that hurdle by having a system of joint membership where the car owner and nominated partner are members in common.

However, we need an influx of members to build the coffers and also to cover the ebb and flow of members over time. We vet the SLK Forum constantly for new Sydney registrations and contact all by private message with an invitation to check our new website, or get in touch by email to the Secretary to provide more information.

Considering these people are enthusiastic enough to register on the Forum, it is surprising that few respond. It seems they drive the "star" and not the car. Others seem to "wear" the car as an adornment rather than drive it.

They are no loss to us! We decided at our initial formal meeting that we are a driver's club to attract the right kind of people and with our spirit of camaraderie, they will join and stay.

NEW MEMBERS

We are very pleased to introduce Mark and Melodie Eaves to the Club after Mark joined the Hunter Valley drive.



Mark drives this silver 07 R171 350 - although we believe Mel also likes to get behind the wheel. We look forward to catching up again on the Southern Highlands run.

FOUNDING MEMBERS

The decision was made at the inaugural meeting to classify all original members who complied with the requirement to contribute \$100 as an establishment fee to launch the Club as 'Founding Members'. That decision included a proviso that such members would not be liable for subscription fees until July 1, 2015. Any person joining from this point will pay a joining fee of \$50 and \$50 membership subscription renewable on July 1, 2015 subject to a pro-rata adjustment for those joining in the first half of any calendar year.

Martin will soon create an Honour Roll on the Club website which will include the names of the inaugural committee and founding members.

ADIEU TO AN ORIGINAL MEMBER

We are sorry that Prasad, our St. Ives member of the original SLK World Sydney group, eventually decided against joining due to impending personal and business commitments. We accepted his decision with regret but extended an open invitation to resume contact when life returns to normal.

PROTOCOLS ON DRIVING EVENTS

We have begun the practice of all participants in driving events – drivers and passengers - signing the run sheet. This is a necessary requirement of our public liability insurance cover with CAMS.

Bear in mind that in signing on you accept the Club's conditions of entry, not just the reminder notes at the top right of the run sheet, but the other protocols for the safe conduct of event.

You will receive a copy of the protocols before the June event, but you should read the schedule on the Club website so you are aware of the undertakings to which you subscribe in signing on before an event.

JUNE - END OF YEAR FOR MOST CLUBS

June marks the end of year for most organisations and we have to submit our first financial statement as an incorporated entity to the Department of Fair Trading.

However, having just become an incorporated club we do not need to hold an annual general meeting until July of 2015. In that situation the inaugural committee members continue in office until our first AGM when we will hold ballots to fill the four executive positions – President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. All members are eligible for election, both our nominal "owner" members and nominated co-members. Think about it between now and then - including you ladies. You are not just decorative additions to our cars and the membership.

WALTER'S SLK

This is a car "torque" segment where we get to know more about your car, so read on!



Walter drives a 2008 R171 350 with AMG & sports options. Improvements he made include the innovative smart top feature (doesn't he make you drool?); fog lamp replacement with LED 14W bulbs; chrome bonnet fins; interior LED lighting, the Mercedes logo projection from the door onto the ground, and he recently obtained ceramic brake pads he will install himself. Walter is very hands-on and also does his engine oil changes. He is very well informed about the SLK and it is worth taking time to discuss technical aspects of the 350 engines and transmission. The most attractive feature of his car is the body colour – germanite grey, a special order colour - which has a lovely purple hue when the sun's rays strike it at the right angles.

A CALL FROM FLORIDA, USA

We received this private message from the SLK World Forum;

Hi Sean,

Damn you guys are good, I really love the way you started a professional SLK club and your website. You all did a fantastic job.

I hope you don't mind, but to make it easier on everyone I changed the link to a clickable link so they don't have to copy and paste in a browser. All you have to do is click on the link now and it takes you right to your site!

Good luck with your club!

Marykay, Florida Event Coordinator, 13.5.14

We have responded in kind.



Drive with your top down and spirits high!