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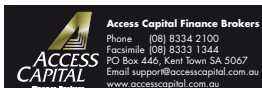
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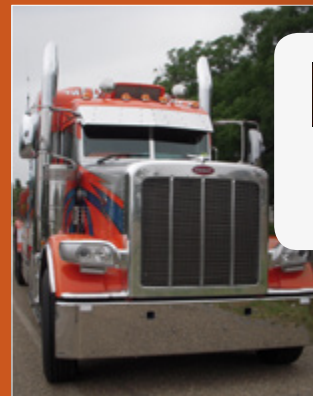
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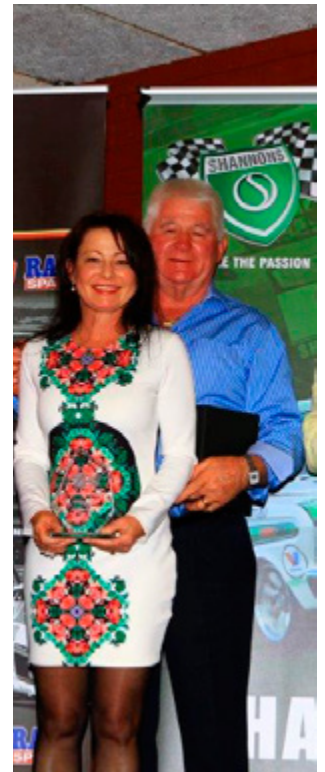
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Bob and Shaz seen here accepting their award.

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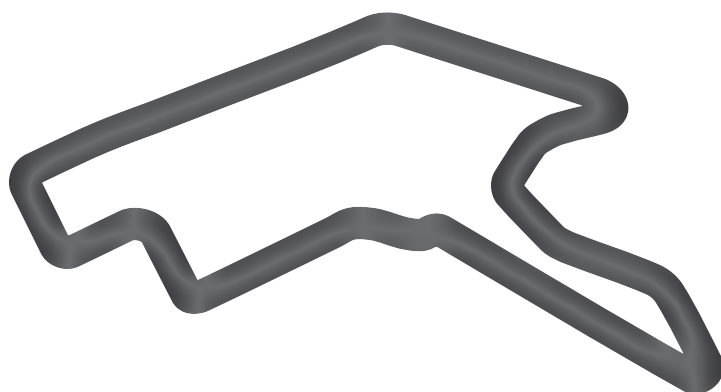
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V8 Supercar circuit

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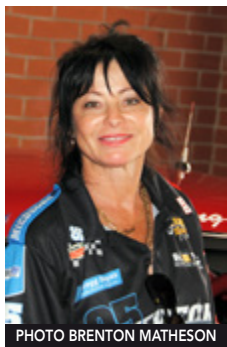


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A word from Shaz

OPENING ROUND CLIPSAL 500 STREETS OF ADELAIDE 27/2/14 – 2/3/14



PHOTO BRENTON MATHESON

The 2014 season opener was held on the streets of Adelaide, at the Clipsal 500 – home for the Whiteline Racing garage.

Having been left off the program last season, there was much anticipation and excitement about the new season kicking off from home.

Whiteline Racing played a part in the promotion of the Clipsal event by displaying of our Mustang at the major Westfields in Adelaide, Marion and West Lakes. There is no doubt the mustang, similar to several running in the TCM series was a real hit – with the camera flashes running overtime.

We also displayed the 1970 King Springs Camaro in the city for the official launch of the Clipsal event.

The Advertiser ran an excellent article on the home team on the Thursday leading up to the event and then good coverage over the weekend.

On completion of the 2013 season in November at Phillip Island, work got underway immediately to prepare the Camaros for the 2014 season.

The driver format for the team is unchanged with Andrew Miedecke taking charge of his 1969, No. 95 Lubrimaxx Camaro and Mark King in this 1970, No. 85 King Springs Camaro.

Both boys fresh after their break, with Kingy in particular good health after having under gone major back surgery on the close of last season. The operation went well and the recovery all according to plan.

Mark 'Birdman' Peacock was well and truly kept busy with the 95 car having a bare shell rebuild whilst the 85 car had a full driveline rebuild. Both cars were being worked on right up until the deadline to transport them to the track, with the 85 car at the dyno on the Tuesday afternoon.

The Truck Factory returned the body and paintwork on both Camaro's to their absolute best - special thanks to Mark and his team.

The deadline for bump in of transporters was Tuesday, so Bob drove the b double into the track for set up with spares and tyres. Both Camaros followed in on the Wednesday on open car trailers, together with Birdman's tools which he needed until Wednesday morning.

Smythy came and lent Bob a hand at the workshop and track with Kingy and his engine guru Ed from Sports Engines in Queensland flying in on the Tuesday to supervise the dyno tune at Steve Knight's workshop of the 85 camaro. After the dyno tune, the 85 car was taken to the track – the boys heading home tired and weary 9.30 that night.

Kingy's track crew chief Jason, along with Paul, and Brad all flew in on Wednesday. So the interstate boys, with the local crew of Smythy, Brenton, Birdman and Shaz almost completed the team, with Andrew the last arrival on Thursday morning.

Wednesday the boys hit the track to set up the pit and the 95 car was also towed in by trailer.

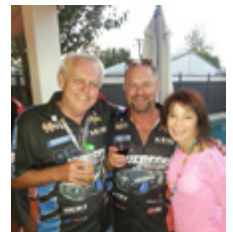
Wednesday night we all met at Café Primo for tea – a good laugh was had with 3 months of news to catch up on !!

On the Thursday there were 2 x practice sessions and both boys were setting great pace from the onset. Andrew was right up there in the top 3 with Bowe and Richards, 1 and 2 with a 1.31.4 and Kingy right up there also in 5th with a 1.326.

For Andrew in the 95 Lubrimaxx Camaro, the first session was pretty quick, commenting it was a bit loose – as they do, the crew are always looking for that bit more changed the back tyres for the 2nd session – this threw the entire balance out of the car and whilst still 3rd in the session, the car was no quicker and wasn't handling well. The crew proceeded to do a lot of set up changes to the suspension, springs and settings in general in readiness for qualifying Friday morning at 9.00 a.m.

As for Kingy, experimenting with set up and changing the brake pads in readiness for qualifying kept the team busy.

Thursday night, the crew were entertained at the home of Tim and Amanda Ede – they both went to a lot of trouble to put on a very special feast for the gang – check out the pics below.



Qualifying 9.00 a.m. Friday

Andrew completed 5 x laps in the session, with the 95 Lubrimaxx Camaro setting it's best time on the 3rd with a 1.3.8. A quicker lap was in the pipeline when balked on turn 8 and so would have to be content with 3rd off the grid for race 1.

As for Kingy in the 85 King Springs Camaro, the session was disappointing given the performance and pace the day before in practice, but a combination of the rest of the field finding pace and Kingy slightly off the pace with braking issues would see him out of position 11 for race one. Kingy completed 10 laps with the best time achieved on the 10th with a 1.32. The new pads were not delivering the same braking retardation and Kingy lost his braking points, in fact, just kissing the wall on T 8 with his wheel, this combined with some frustration setting in resulted in overdriving which can be costly.

Race 1 was held at 5.30 and was scheduled for 10 laps. It also marked the first start in the category in a rolling start format. Starting positions were as per qualifying so Andrew in the 95 Lubrimaxx Camaro was off the second row alongside Abelnica whilst Kingy was back in the 6th row out of 11. The start was clean with Kingy maintaining his starting position, whilst Andrew was in fourth. In the dying stages of the 2nd lap Andrew made his move on Abelnica and was in third behind Karanfilovski and Bowe 1 and 2 respectively. On the third lap an incident involving Walmsley which Stillwell found himself also caught up in triggered a safety car for the 4th lap. Racing got underway again on the 5th with Andrew able to position his Lubrimaxx Camaro into 2nd after rounding up Bowe on the 6th, however, due to more carnage on the track, the race was shortened to 6 laps and Andrew would have to be content with his 2nd place, behind a very entertaining and spectacular Karanfilovski who was showing great speedway style driving through the corners sideways !! For Kingy, the King Springs 85 Camaro finished mid field in 11th. After the race, Andrew commented he liked the rolling start format – he further added it's a case of waiting for someone to make a mistake and make the most of it. Andrew was also happy with his brakes.

Friday night it was back to Primo at Semaphore where the boys had worked out the mixed grills were pretty damn good !!



Saturday only 1 race was scheduled for 10.50 and again for 10 laps.

It was a reverse grid race, which saw Kingy in the 85 King Springs Camaro out of 3 and Andrew in the 95 Lubrimaxx Camaro out of 12. Again the rolling start format with the two Toranas of Gomersall and McMahon off the front line. With the green given carnage is the only way to explain what occurred when McMahon appeared to stall or slow to the point that caused the field behind to take evasive action, some with success, but others like Pye and Brad Tilley were badly damaged and unable to restart. Kingy was through, but it was anxious moments for Andrew coming through, he managed to avoid the eye of the problem, but just got tapped in the right rear quarter panel by Karanfilovski as he too was attempting to avoid the mess. The damage didn't stop there, the flow on effect was when Adelaide local Nigel Benson was destabilized and ultimately hitting the wall resulting in a flat tyre. Naturally, the safety car was triggered for a couple of laps whilst the on track mess was dealt with. Racing got underway again on completion of the third with Kingy on the 4th seizing the lead on turn 9 where under brakes he rounded up Gomersall's Torana !! It was just fantastic to see the red King Springs Camaro up front and Kingy never looked back – this was his race !!! The race was again cut short due to time constraints completing 9 of the 10 laps. As for Andrew in the Lubrimaxx Camaro he did well to finish in 8th, given on the warm up lap, the tooth for 1st gear broke, then 2nd gear broke, so did well to maintain his position and actually finish.

It's fair to say there was immense jubilation for Kingy and the team for his first win !!! Work got underway to remove the gearbox out of the 95 Camaro in readiness for Sunday's final race. As for Kingy and his 85 machine, clearly the set up was pretty damn good !!

Saturday night was socially very big for the team –

Dinner was back at our place for the crew, but we also had our mates all over from the West join us – it was just great to see Terry & Vicki Harwood, Mal and Rose, Sam and Adrian – I was sure to serve up huge S.A. Prawns and freshly chucked oysters – reckon it went down pretty well.

Race 3 was on Sunday at 10.10 and dare I say scheduled for 10 laps and I'm happy to report this race went the full length !!!! This race the starting positions are an aggregate of the finishing positions in the previous two races for the weekend, which given Kingy's win and Andrew's 2nd place saw them start out alongside one another in 3 and 4 off the 2nd row !!!! The rolling start was thankfully incident free with Abelnica stamping his mark by taking the lead closely followed by Bowe, Andrew and Kingy. The 2nd lap saw the onset of challenges with Bowe looking at Abelnica and Kassulke looking at Kingy. On the 3rd, Andy successfully moved on Bowe in Turn 6 to now be in 2nd. On the 4th, again in turn 6 Andy successfully moved on Abelnica to now be in the lead – mind you, Birdman and I were nearly requiring CPR whilst this was happening !! Kingy was well and truly keeping in touch now in 4th. The field were maintaining fast lap times, with the first 4 placings remaining unchanged when on the final lap Kingy's brakes were hot and his rubber was going off, allowing Richards to take advantage and move into fourth place ahead of Kingy. But what a clean, fast and successful race – Andrew winning in the 95 Lubrimaxx Camaro and Kingy finishing in 5th in the 85 King Springs Camaro.

It was just so great at our home track to have so much success to share with the locals. Andrew commented after the race that he suspected he and his Camaro had the measure to win – and win it did !!!



Both the Whiteline Racing boys had the pleasure of wins and the impact on the team for their work and effort was just fantastic !!!!

The presentation saw both the boys win trophies. Kingy leads ProAm class with Andrew second in ProMaster.

With Drivers and crew all flying out, after a quick lunch, the crew made short work of packing up the cars and pit.

With Winton the next round on the calendar, work immediately got underway to prep them for the Victorian circuit, with testing set for the 25th March, the week prior to the event.

Kind Regards,

Shaz

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TERRIFIC TRIO ON TOP AS CONTENDERS CHALLENGE

27, February, 2014

John Bowe and Jim Richards - on top during Clipsal 500 Adelaide practice

THE most dominant three drivers from the last few years of the ENZED Touring Car Masters series have dominated the top of the charts in practice today at the Clipsal 500 Adelaide.

John Bowe (Dunlop Super Dealers / Wilson Security Ford Mustang Trans-Am), Jim Richards (Shannons Insurance Ford Falcon Sprint) and Andrew Miedecke (Lubrimax Chevrolet Camaro) locked out the top three times in practice today however it was the performance of key contenders to the throne who had tongues wagging.

Bowe's 1m30.1037s lap set in practice two was under his own exiting Clipsal 500 TCM lap record, but the field is closely bunched behind the often-dominant Mustang driver.

Ford Falcon driver Eddie Abelnica, Camaro ace Mark King, HQ Holden driver Brett Youlden all lapped competitively today and believe they can feature on the podium this weekend.

Youlden, in particular, is looking forward to the challenge for consistent podiums in 2014 having ended last season with a string of stunning performances behind the wheel of his bright green Autolite / Mothers / Austral HQ Holden Monaro.

"We're happy to end the day where we are after practice," the experienced Youlden said.

The Youlden family is celebrating a combined 100 years of racing heritage this weekend, between Brett's brother Kent and his nephew, V8 Supercar ace Luke.

"Aside from giving the car a freshen up over the off season and a couple of minor changes, we haven't changed a whole lot on the car but at this early stage, it's performing really well. We certainly hope to continue our good form from the end of last year and pick up where we left off!"

Youlden ended the day some 2.6 seconds off of Bowe's leading pace today, but in TCM it's about the race results and not raw one-lap pace.

"It is extremely competitive this season and it is going to be tough all year, but I think if we can secure a little more funding and a bit more backing, we can run inside the top three this season."

Behind eighth-placed Cameron Tilley (Boss 302 Mustang), Steve Mason (Shelby Mustang) and iSeek Racing's Jason Gomersal completed the top ten.

Outside it, Bill Pye's brand new Torana – a Bob Jane Camaro lookalike – finished 11th on its maiden outing but delighted fans with the look and sound of one of Australia's most famous racing cars from the 1970s.

Today's two practice sessions were the only on-track action for the ENZED Touring Car Masters field prior to qualifying tomorrow morning and the opening race to be held on Friday afternoon.

Both sessions were cut short from their original 20-minute duration, the second only going 11-minutes in before a red flag brought and end to proceedings when Carey McMahon's Holden Torana SLR 5000 stopped at turn one, apparently trailing fluid.

Porsche driver Greg Keene was the first of the South Australians and the first of the Porsche contingent – 15th outright.

BOWE TAKES CLIPSAL 500 POLE

28, February, 2014

A fast and furious qualifying session for the ENZED Touring Car Masters Series has seen John Bowe score pole position for the first race today at the Clipsal 500 – Tony Karanfilovski storming his way to the front row at the very end of the session.

Andrew Miedecke was third quickest, ahead of Eddie Abelnica, Cameron Tilley, Jim Richards, Brad Tilley, Brett Youlden, Bill Pye and Keith Kassulke.

If you are at the track, don't forget to head to the driver's signing at 11:30am!

Race one will be held over 10 laps and will kick off at 5:30pm local time.

TONY K LEAPS TO VICTORY IN ADELAIDE 28, February, 2014

TONY KARANFILOVSKI has disproved the age-old Motor Racing myth that 'you can't win a race in the first corner' today, in the opening race of the 2014 ENZED Touring Car Masters series at the Clipsal 500 Adelaide.

Starting today's season opener from second position on the 27-car grid, the Trans-Am Ford Mustang driver got the best start and led rival John Bowe into turn one – but a locked brake and a corner overshoot saw him bound over the savage Adelaide kerbs and into the gravel at the Senna chicane.

Ordinarily that would mean disaster – however the Sydney driver kept his foot hard on the throttle and despite some aerobatics as he bounced first over gravel and then kerb, he held onto the TIFS-supported Yellow Mustang as he rejoined the track and maintained the lead.

A mid-race safety car, an intense battle for second between Bowe and Miedecke and a race ultimately shortened to six laps all contributed to Karanfilovski being able to record the win.

The end results showed Karanfilovski (Mustang) heading home Miedecke (Camaro) and Bowe (Mustang) – the Camaro slipping past Bowe with two laps remaining following a mid-race restart following a safety car intervention.

Eddie Abelnica finished fourth in his XB Ford Falcon and reigning TCM champion Jim Richards kicked off his title defence by moving from sixth on the grid to fifth at the finish in his Shannons Insurance Ford Falcon Sprint.

Cameron Tilley (Boss 302 Ford Mustang), Brett Youlden (HQ Monaro), Brad Tilley (Ford Falcon GTHO), Keith Kassulke (XB Falcon Coupe) and Bill Pye's Chevy Camaro completed the top ten – all six locked together and battling for track position during the green flag running.

Seven Fords, two Chevrolet's and a Holden were represented in the top ten – though there were six different models of Fords represented.

The Safety Car was called on the third lap when Les Walmsley's Treloar Roses HQ Holden was spun at turn four and collected by a hapless Chris Stillwell, who had nowhere to go in his Ford Mustang before collecting the stranded Holden.

There was also contact earlier in the race involving William Vining, Mick Wilson and Rory O'Neill, however all three were able to return to the circuit to complete the race.

A massive portion of the substantial Friday crowd remained for today's late-afternoon return of the ENZED Touring Car Masters series to the Clipsal 500 and enjoyed the debut of the rolling race start – and the clean run towards the first corner was the result of the spectacular show.

Earlier today, John Bowe smashed the existing qualifying record to score pole position for the opening round of the championship, eventual race winner Karanfilovski stunning the establishment when he jumped to the front row late in the session; a lap that would ultimately put him in the best position to win.

Miedecke, Abelnica and Cameron Tilley completed the top five in qualifying.



'ELMO' TAKES DEBUT VICTORY AT CLIPSAL 1, March, 2014

HE'S Nicknamed 'Elmo' and carries a soft-toy version of the iconic Sesame Street character alongside him in his car – but there was nothing child-like about Mark King's maiden victory in the ENZED Touring Car Masters series today at the Clipsal 500 Adelaide.

King – who was given the nickname by his team because of his 'furry' face and the fact he drives a bright red car – is a two-time Australian GT Production Car champion but had to wait until today to take his maiden TCM triumph, driving for Adelaide-based Whiteline Racing in a 1970 Chevrolet Camaro.

After a series of second-place previous bests, King today beat home John Bowe and Keith Kassulke in another dramatic 10-lap affair, held in front of a bumper Saturday crowd in Adelaide.

The Queensland driver is part of the two-car Whiteline team, owned by Bob and Sharyn Middleton, with Andrew Miedecke. For a team used to winning with their second car – driven by Andrew Miedecke – there was pride in having the other team car do the job for the first time today.

"It's great to finally get a win for the 'second car' in the team because it's not been done before," King said.

"I'm really happy to have done it because it's a great reward for all the hard work and effort that Bob and Sharyn have put into the team and the category, and for putting such a strong team together.

"It's great to show what they can do with both cars."

King started the race third – in a grid set by reversing the top thirteen cars from yesterday's opening race – but early dramas saw him jump to second on the opening lap.

He pressured early leader Jason Gomersall's iSeek Holden Torana SLR 5000 early and slipped past before sprinting away to take the win.

"The plan was always to try and get Jason early because I knew I probably had better car speed than he did," King explained.

"I thought that he would slow the others up so I wanted to get in front and pull away as much as I could. When I got there, I just put my head down, pressed on and enjoyed it!"

A furious battle for second place was held behind the runaway Red Camaro out in front, John Bowe fighting his way through from the bottom of the top-10 to ultimately score second in the final corner.

Bowe took advantage of a 'moment' by Falcon driver Keith Kassulke to slip past exiting the final corner and score the position, with Kassulke completing the podium.

Jason Gomersall was a career-best fourth, Eddie Abelnica fifth and Brett Youlden sixth. Jim Richards, Andrew Miedecke, Carey McMahon and Steve Mason completed the top ten with second to 10th covered by just seven seconds at the line.

The opening of today's race was marred by a hefty crash at the start, when the front-row starting Torana of Carey McMahon suddenly faltered as the field came to the green flag.

In trying to take last-minute evasive action, Bill Pye hit the back of the Torana and was subsequently impacted by Brad Tilley. Whilst McMahon was able to continue, both Tilley's GTHO Falcon and Pye's stunning new Camaro were damaged in the incident.

Race one winner Tony Karanfilovski was caught up in the impact and forced out of the race as a result – though the Ford Mustang driver says the car should be ready to race again tomorrow.



MIEDECKE TAKES RACE THREE AT CLIPSAL 500 2, March, 2014

ANDREW MIEDECKE made it three winners from three different races at the Clipsal 500 Adelaide, whilst John Bowe, Cameron Mason and Mark King leave round one as the respective class leaders in the ENZED Touring Car Masters series.

The opening round of the championship concluded in style on Sunday morning, with Miedecke running second in the early stages of the 10-lap finale' before making his move on Eddie Abelnica's XB Falcon hardtop on lap four.

The Whiteline Transport Racing / Lubrimaxx driver was never headed from there and gave his Adelaide-based team its second win from three races.

Abelnica held off John Bowe's advances in the closing stages to secure second with Bowe bringing 'Sally' home in third.

Jim Richards and Mark King completed the top five in finale with Keith Kassulke, Brett Youlden, Greg Keene (Porsche 911), Garry Treloar (Chrysler Charger E55) and Chris Stilwell (Ford Mustang) completing the top ten.

Bowe (Pro Masters), Mark King (Pro Am) and Cameron Mason (Pro Sports) won the three ENZED Touring Car Masters classes at the Clipsal 500.

"It's great," Pro Masters winner Bowe said.

"There are some guys who have upped their ante, which is terrific rather than relying on the system handicapping me and I have to give credit to the series to instigate these changes which make it better for all.

"Everyone is having a crack, it's great racing and other than the second race start, it's been great. I like the rolling starts, they're positive and they look great – people love them.

"We've had three different winners from three races and I'm very pleased."

Cameron Mason scored his first class victory in his brief ENZED Touring Car Masters career, and got to race his dad Steve Mason in the process.

"It's very good and all the races were good for me," said the younger of the two Masons.

"I kept it tidy all weekend and we couldn't have had any more fun. Staying out of trouble was the main goal and keeping out of the carnage that I was often stuck behind most of the time.

Brad Tilley (Ford Falcon) was awarded the PWR CoolMasters award for the opening round and Eddie Abelnica the Meguiar's best presented. Tony Karanfilovski's race one victory and trip across the turn one-two kerbing was selected as the RARE Spares Achievement Award winner for the 'moment' of the weekend.

The next round of the ENZED Touring Car Masters series will see the field travel to central Victoria and the historic Winton motor Raceway, near Benalla, on April 4-6.

The ENZED Touring Car Masters series is supported by ENZED, Rare Spares, Shannons, PWR, Meguiar's Unique Cars, Hoosier and Australian Sports Marketing.









Mark King

TCM 100 - Race 2 Winner



Andrew Miedecke

TCM 100 - Race 3 Winner



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Other News

Boss 32 March, 2014

JIn the lead up to Clipsal our Boss 32 Mustang had gigs at the Westfields to promote the event.

Below: Seen here at West Lakes



Below: Seen here at Westfield Marion



Left:
Rhiannon from the Clipsal office seen here in Michael Almond's Porsche on display at Westfield Marion

Santa 'Bobby' December, 2013

As you know I get Bobby involved in all kinds of roles - here he is at xmas looking very much the jolly old fello - seen here with Brett and Blake Shearer - Steve and Bev Shearer's son and grandson - the boys were out here with the family for xmas and the new year.



Rotto - Bob's work play trip January, 2013



Prior to Clipsal Bobby was a busy linehaul driver to Perth, clocking up some 20,000 kms filling in for drivers at Whiteline - whilst there he took a day of r and r to visit mates Vicki and Terry in Rotto - as you can see he did it tough !!

Chevrolet race winning Ford dealer

Posted by Robert Barry
on March 3rd, 2014

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Northern NSW Ford dealer Andrew Miediecke won the final race of the Touring Car Masters series on the weekend in a Chevrolet Camaro SS reports the Herald-Sun.

According to the Herald-Sun, former Ford touring car driver, Miediecke started from third on the grid in the Camaro behind Eddie Abeinica's Ford XB Falcon Coupe and the Ford Mustang of John Bowe.

The red Chevy coupe led the Bowe Mustang through the early stages of the race, Miediecke applying pressure to Bowe mid-race.

Miediecke made his way past Abeinica and third-placed Bowe, before pulling away from the pair.

The trio left the rest of the pack behind, leaving Mark King, Cameron Tilley (who started in 11th and was 5th) and Jim Richards in 6th.

Miediecke maintained top spot as Bowe set a new race record on lap 7, breaking his own 2012 mark by 0.2 of a second, before dropping off the pace in the closing stages Miediecke won by 1.2 seconds, from Abeinica, Bowe, Richards and King in fifth.

As well as the Ford franchise, Port Macquarie based Miediecke Motor Group also holds franchise agencies for Mercedes-Benz, Hyundai, Chrysler, Dodge, Jeep, Foton Utes, Foton Trucks, Ssangyong, Kia and Chery amongst others.



Andrew Miediecke

News item - Courtesy of www.autotalk.com.au



Super Way Opening February, 2014



Mark Crossy and Shaz took part in the opening of the flash new super way in Adelaide – they both were the first to drive b doubles over the new section of road and freeway with media, special guests, helicopters overhead – it was quite an event especially in the 40 plus degree day !!



Above left to right: Minister of Transport Hon. Tom Koutsantonis seen here with Shaz and Mark Crossling of Qube Logistics.



Classic Camaros back on track at Clipsal 500 for Whiteline Racing

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Sharon and Bob Middleton of Whiteline Racing prepare their Camaros for the Clipsal 500. Picture: Simon Cross. Source: News Limited

FOR every V8 Supercar at Clipsal500, there are at least another six cars running in support categories.

They may not be as high-profile or funded as those running in the main event but teams in all six support categories hold the same dedication and professionalism for motorsport and are battling for the same goal – to be first past the chequered flag on race day.

None of the support categories may be as popular among fans as the Touring Car Masters, which returns to the Clipsal500 schedule after a break in 2013.

When the old-school cars are on track, merchandise and food vans report it is the quietest time of day, as fans flock to the fences to see the action.

Adelaide team Whiteline Racing is among the local outfits starting their challenge for this year's TCM title, from out the back of the northern suburbs depot of Whiteline Transport.

The depot houses two TCM Camaros, one that yesterday was still being worked on by crew chief Mark Peacock ahead of first practice for the category at 10.40am on Thursday.

Whiteline Racing's transporter was moved into pit paddock yesterday and the two cars will join it at the circuit on Wednesday.

The crew for the racing team's two classic race cars swells to 10 come Thursday but for the most part it is down to team owners and Whiteline Transport directors Sharon and Bob Middleton and each car's crew chief to keep them running for TCM's seven events.

"We're going all around Australia, flying the South Australian banner," Mrs Middleton said.

"The public are really excited that the Touring Car Masters are back (at Clipsal500) this year because they were left out last year.

"These cars are what grandpa and dads and uncles had. The public relate to them."

Between rounds the 1969 and 1970 Camaros are worked on in an annex built on to one side of the transport yard's main truck workshop in Adelaide.

Preparations for Clipsal500 started two weeks after the last round at Phillip Island in November.

"The season might finish but the work doesn't stop. You do major overhauling in the off season," Mrs Middleton said.

Both cars were stripped back and rebuilt. Come Monday, the team will take the two Camaros back to the depot and will start preparing on Wednesday for TCM's second round at Winton on April 4.

Whiteline Racing have regularly finished races on podiums in the past three years.

Last year the number 85 car, the 1970 Camaro driven by Mark King, finished fifth, while the number 95 car, the 1969 Camaro driven by Andrew Miedecke, finished third.

The homegrown team was named Touring Car Master's Team of the Year in 2013.

Most sponsors are local and the team prides itself on giving them something back for the money in addition to displaying their logo on the car, involving them in activities at events during the year.

Mr Middleton long has been associated with motor racing, having been involved with Speedway, NASCAR and Super Trucks since he was 16.

A five-time Super Truck driver champion himself, he said Clipsal500 fans were impressed at the speeds the 40-year-old cars could still do.

"We're still signing posters and hats for people who have been coming back for 10/12 years," he said.

"The kids just love it when we sit them in the car for photos."

News item - Courtesy of The Advertiser



Trucksafe manager presents national award Blazer to Shaz February, 2014

TruckSafe Manager Justin Fleming presented Sharon Middleton of Whiteline Transport with her 2013 National Trucking Industry Woman of the Year winner's blazer during his recent trip to SA.

In Sharon's 30 years in the road transport industry, she has partnered with her husband Bob to take the business from three trucks and an old typewriter to a business with depots in Adelaide, Cavan, Perth and Berri.

Whiteline Transport has been TruckSafe accredited since 1998.

In her role as President of SARTA, Sharon has worked to improve access, operating conditions and deliver fair treatment for drivers and operators alike.

The continuing adventures of the Wild oops Mild Hogs

The Hogs visit Port Lincoln February, 2014

In yet another tour of duty, Friday, Feb 14 the hogs departed Adelaide for Port Lincoln. It didn't matter that Adelaide was having its highest rainfall in decades – the group was resolute and any hog showing signs of weakening were told "toughen up princess".

We met at the Caltex Bolivar and for most of us even getting to there was harrowing !! Liam was driving our support vehicle and that van would prove to be quite a welcome accessory on our trip.

Our stops were between 100 – 200 klms apart, taking in Port Wakefield, Port Augusta – with other garage customers looking and just shaking their heads at us – the visibility was non existent and the wash from overtaking vehicles was character building !! A river was flowing through Whyalla with the rain halfway up our bikes – none of the bikes stalled amazingly. Water over the highway kept us on high alert and in fact later that evening once we were in Lincoln it was closed to traffic.

We got into Lincoln late afternoon and the comfort and luxuries that were at the Port Lincoln Hotel were most welcome !!!! Going by table talk at dinner everyone had hair dyers going in their rooms to dry out 'stuff' !!

Dinner for both our nights there were at the Port Lincoln Hotel and a lot of fun was had. On the Saturday we rode to Coffin Bay enjoying oysters and local specialties at the Oyster Bed restaurant on the water front.

Breaky each morning was in the main street of Lincoln overlooking the water and us girls managed to take in a few shops – Bobby even met Haydn at his barber shop and had a tune up. Bobby also made short work of finding where the local senior citizens club was !!

As a group of friends, even though the weather had been crap on our way over, the time spent together was just so much fun – the bond and protection you feel for your fellow riders something very, very special indeed.

When it came time to head home Sunday, we set out early so we could call into the local towns – with Lucky Bay where we boarded the ferry to Wallaroo. Poor Liam discovered he really doesn't have sea legs and was encouraged to keep taking in the horizon to get him through !!!!!

Once at Wallaroo the final stage into Adelaide saw the group disperse branching off to the north, south, east and west.

As you will see from the pics it was a lot of fun, something I will always remember forever, for the fun, the fear, the friends, the sights the complete package was just awesome.

Can't wait for our next adventure – stay tuned

Love Shaz (Rebel)

Fellow hogs included :
Mark Crossling (Container), Stephanie Crossling (Giggles), Peter Sharp (Fridge) partner Annette (Chook) Smyth – Smyth, Dave, Len Jones (Retread) Merve – Mr. Fixit.



Above:
Bob at Haydens – the best barber in Lincoln in real, old fashioned barber chairs



Above:
Bobby like a homing pigeon



Above:
On board the ferry bound for Wallaroo



Above:
The lucky bay to Wallaroo ferry

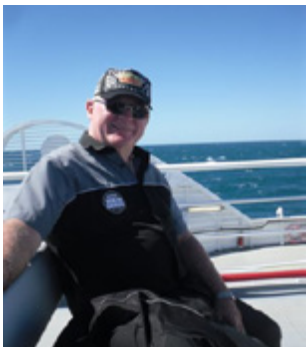


Above:
As you can see visibility was an issue !!



Above: Container after a few drinks – that flower is just gorgeous- Steph hide your handbags !







The Thunder Down Under 2014 Touring Car Masters Series

Round 1 TCM 100 Adelaide February 27 to March 2
Round 2 TCM Cup Winton April 4-6
Round 3 Hidden Valley 90 Darwin June 20-22
Round 4 TCM Thunder Down Under SMSP August 22-24
Round 5 TCM Sandown 100 Sandown September 12-14
Round 6 TCM Mountain Masters Bathurst October 9-12
Round 7 TCM Southern 90 Phillip Island November 14-17



CLASS	Driver No #	Driver	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	Penalties	Total
ProSport											
ProSport	15	Cameron Mason	176								176
ProSport	6	Chris Stillwell	172								172
ProSport	46	Leo Tobin	145								145
ProSport	13	Rory O'Neill	135								135
ProSport	98	William Vining	129								129
ProSport	43	Mick Wilson	90								90
ProAm											
ProAm	85	Mark King	165								165
ProAm	56	Brett Youlden	160								160
ProAm	35	Jason Gomersall	140								140
ProAm	33	Greg Keene	124								124
ProAm	3	Steve Mason	117								117
ProAm	21	Garry Treloar	114								114
ProAm	60	Cameron Tilley	95								95
ProAm	50	Carey McMahon	90								90
ProAm	88	Tony Karanfilovski	90								90
ProAm	74	Wayne Mercer	87								87
ProAm	4	Rusty French	87								87
ProAm	22	Nigel Benson	75								75
ProAm	7	Bill Pye	48								48
ProAm	99	Les Walmsley	0								0
ProMaster											
ProMasters	18	John Bowe	168								168
ProMasters	95	Andrew Miedecke	165								165
ProMasters	48	Eddie Abelnicia	160								160
ProMasters	1	Jim Richards	144								144
ProMasters	52	Keith Kassulke	143								143
ProMasters	28	Brad Tilley	45								45

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