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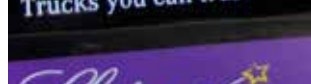
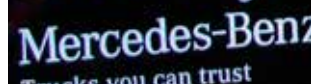
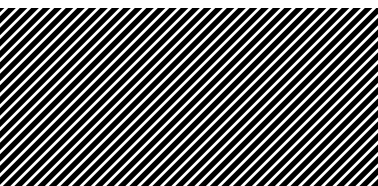
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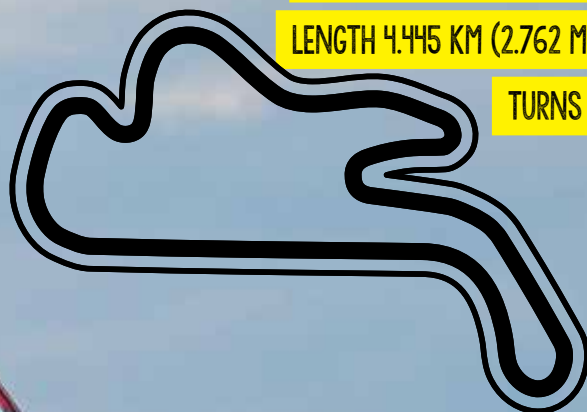
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A WORD FROM SHAZ

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The sixth round for us would see us travel south to a very fresh and chilly Phillip Island - home for cute fairy penguins and Cape Barron Geese !! The circuit is quite a site with magnificent views of the ocean and would see us part of the Shannons Nationals Program.

For Crew Chief Birdman, preparation and set up of the Camaros from the Ipswich circuit to the Phillip Island Circuit would include the following :

85 King Springs Camaro

1. Car stayed in Qld for week to have engine maintenance and new experimental front and rear springs fitted at Mark's King Spring Headquarters.
2. Front guard repaired
3. Gearbox and diff ratios changed to suit Phillip Island.
4. Front suspension geometry changed to improve steering response
5. New rear brake pads fitted.

95 Fabre Racing Camaro

1. Gear box and diff ratios changed to suit Phillip Island.
2. Font guard and rear quarter panel had minor repairs
3. New front brake rotors fitted
4. Exhaust repaired (Qld damage)
5. New rear pads fitted

Bobby headed off in the transporter on the Wednesday with the rest of the Whiteline Racing team flying in from Auswide on Thursday - local Timmy Ede on hand Thursday to assist with the work involved of unpacking and setting up the pit - Timmy is your equivalent human crane - man he sure puts in !!!

After a successful debut with the team in Car 95, Adam Bressington was all set for another run, alongside team mate Mark King.



Friday two practice sessions were sheduled with the weather conditions less than ideal with heavy rain.

Due to work commitments Adam was forced to delay his arrival until Friday night, so the job of bedding in brakes and shake down were taken care of by Bobby who put the 95 Fabre Camaro through its paces and created some slip sliding excitement !! Mark in his King Springs 85 Camaro had hoped for productive practice sessions to test out new spring work he and the crew had implemented but the weather was putting quite literally a dampener on that. It really would be a case of leaving it for the qualifying session with a hope that conditions improved.

The boys enjoyed dinner at the local. I arrived on the Friday night as did Jason from Sydney who had just flown in that day from a Mexican holiday with his wife Tina - check out other business.

Saturday we woke to cloudy conditions and with our qualifying session late morning and a race in the arvo we were hopeful for a dry track.

Qualifying was held at 11.30 and was a 20 minute session. Kingy in the 85 King Springs Camaro completed 8 laps with the best time achieved on the 8th with a 1.42.9 which placed him 9th quickest on the grid for race 1. Kingy on return to the pits said that whilst he was happy there was still more work to be done to achieve the right balance especially in light of the new spring set up.

For Adam, only 5 laps were completed, the best on the 4th with a 1.42.1 and was clocked on the 4th lap. This would place Adam 5th off the grid, with Bowe, Gomersall, Seton, Abelnica 1 - 4 respectively. On return to the pit an absolute beaming Adam admitted that it took the driver a while to find his mojo and wasn't helped by the fact that the steering wheel was not on straight ! For those that don't know the drivers take off the steering wheel when getting in and out of the car, so putting it back on straight is their job once in the car.



Race 1 was held at 3.40 and was a 10 lapper and made interesting with skatey conditions when a fine mist of rain sprinkled down throughout the race. So the boys started out of their qualifying positions. Adam found his 95 Whiteline Fabre Camaro boxed in off the start and had to wait for his chance to break out, It didn't take long before the first 5 runners settled in to a real battle, with Adam in fifth, so was important for him to keep the 95 Fabre Camaro within reach of the lead to wait for front runner errors, if any, to be there to take advantage. Bowe and Gomersall certainly battled it out. The race was interrupted by a yellow flag when the Jesus Racing Falcon came to a stop on turn 1 - The safety car resulted in two laps completed whilst the recovery took place. The restart for Kingy would see his 85 King Springs Camaro enter into a specky spin after contacting a heavy water patch, which would result him ending up in the gravel trap, not enough to see him bogged, but going by fellow racers Tobin and Karanfilovski who were in range to see it all, said the backwards spinning was very spectacular !!! For Kingy this was damaging position wise and would have to be content finishing in 14th. Adam reported post race that he had more in the tank going through Hayshed, Lukey and MG areas of the track. Adding a couple of risky opportunities did present themselves, but erred on the side of caution. There is no doubting the changing format of the first 4 made for a very exciting race, with Abelnica taking the win making the most of openings that arose. Adam secured 4th in the Fabre 95 Camaro.

Saturday night I stayed in to see the Mighty Crows sort out North Melbourne whilst some of the crew headed to the local for a few quiet ones.





Sunday we had two races - the first at 12.10 - a 10 lap race. For the start, Mark was out of 14 in the King Springs 85 Camaro, whilst Adam was out of 4 with the Fabre 95 Camaro. The opening lap for Adam, saw him maintain his starting possie, until the dying stages of the 1st lap, when Johnson successfully moved on him, relegating him to 5th, meanwhile, Kingy was on the charge and was now in 11th. The 2nd lap, Kingy continued to impress improving yet another spot with a positive move on French - Kingy further improved by creating a healthy gap between himself in 10 and the rest of the field - in doing so, was improving his lap times too. By the end of the 6th Kingy had Richards in his sights, with the field now coming up on and lapping an ailing No. 12 Garwood car. It didn't take long for Bowe and Seton coming 1 and 2 to develop a healthy lead whilst cars grouped 3 - 10 battled it out with the scrap between 4 and 6 very entertaining. Adam was kept really busy with Gomersall threatening in his rear mirrors and his attempts to push and move on Abelnica. Kingy was able to further advance when Karanfilovski had an off to move into 9. It was a really entertaining race, with Adam finishing 5th in an exciting dash for the finish line with Gomersall and Kingy took out 9th. JB, Seton, Johnson, Abelnica were 1 - 4. The race was run in breaking lap time speed with Seton taking out the honors of the new record with a 1.40.74. Kingy commented post race just how great it was to be racing up with Jimmy Richards - he also was happy with the new spring work - felt as though he and the team were headed in the right direction with only tyre and minor set up adjustments in preparation for the 3rd and final race of the weekend. Adam had a grin from ear to ear and clearly enjoyed his time on the track.

Race 3 was held at 4.05 and was again a 10 lapper. This was the WACO trophy race, which means each driver is allocated 10 points for a start and 10 points for the finish only. Positions for the start are a reverse grid of a percentage of the field. Starting order for the boys was Kingy off pole and Adam out of 12. With the green shown, they were away and Kingy looked just great leading the field, but for Adam he was driving through pit lane, in what was a rare preparation mistake, the fuel cap for the 95 Camaro was not properly on and as a result fuel was leaking out of the tank and would need to be rectified, this resulted in Adam not only at the back of the field but with a lot of ground to make up and it is fair to say he was a man on a mission, clocking the fastest lap of the field on lap 9 with a 1.41.6768, which to give you an idea, the ultimate winner of the race JB did his fastest on the 6th which was a 1.42.6080. Meanwhile, Kingy continued to lead in style but on the 4th now had JB in his mirrors. On the 5th JB successfully moved on Kingy who was now also under siege by Karanfilovski and Johnson, who managed to overtake Kingy when he locked up the back brakes on the 85 King Springs Camaro going through Siberia. By the end of the 6th the top 4 had developed a good lead from 5th. JB took out the race with Karanfilovski 2nd, Johnson 3rd, then Mark in the King Springs 85 Camaro 4th. Adam managed to close the gap and make up a couple of possies to finish 12th. As I said earlier however, given the trophy race only allocates points for starting and finishing this would not damage his weekend standings and still ended up winning the Pro Am Class.

Work got underway to load up which was bit of a job - where our transporter was parked was a fair distance from our garage - so lots of extra lifting !! In addition we had on board 2 cars and spares for Buick Motorsport - it was dark before the b double pulled out of the PI track. We then headed to the other side of town to collect a second truck - a demonstrator Benz that was coming to Adelaide - both Bob and I drove until midnight, stopping for a well deserved break before heading back into Adelaide Monday.

Work will now get underway to prepare the Camaros for Mount Panorama - the boys on and off the track love this weekend away racing. The 2016 event is set to be quite a spectacle with a strong field of New Zealand entrants coming to compete in the Trans Tasman Challenge.

Look forward to reporting back to you all post Bathurst.

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MASTERS HEAD TO PHILLIP ISLAND FOR HIGH SPEED CHALLENGE SEP 5, 2016

THE FASTEST track on the Touring Car Masters calendar awaits when the field assembles at the Phillip Island Grand Prix circuit for the Shannons Tourist Trophy this weekend.

The series returns to the Shannons Nationals program for the second time this season, with the 2016 trip to the Island the sixth in the history of the category.

The closely poised Pro Master title fight has John Bowe just 59 points ahead of local hero Eddie Abelnic, while Thunder Road Racing Team Mustang ace Glenn Seton sits a further five points further back in third.

Whiteline Racing's Mark King sits fourth in the Pro Master championship, while - after a disastrous round at Queensland Raceway - Steven Johnson slipped to fifth after failing to score in the Sunshine state.

He still, however, remains in championship calculations, 167 points from the series lead.

While Bowe has asserted himself at the top of the standings in the most recent two rounds, Eddie

Abelnic's consistency has seen the Melbourne's Cheapest Cars XB Falcon Hardtop continue to climb up the order.

As well as having already scored three podium finishes from the five rounds to date, Abelnic also finished on the podium in each of the three races held at Phillip Island last year.

His Falcon XB coupe' should also be a strong contender - the famous Ford model has twice won at Phillip Island in the hands of Keith Kassulke. In fact, both times Kassulke won, Abelnic finished second in his XB.

The high average speeds and challenging nature of the Phillip Island circuit has made it one of the most diverse in terms of race results across the five previous TCM visits - four different round winners and eight different race winners (from 15 races) filling the circuit's record books.

A side effect of the varied results means that the circuit has also never produced a 'clean sweep' - when a driver wins all three races in the one round.

In fact, the entire 2016 season is yet to see someone win every race in a weekend - the first time that's occurred in Touring Car Masters history.

The 4.46 km circuit has also traditionally favoured the series' 'big' cars: all but two races at the venue have been won by cars powered by at least 350 cubic-inch engines: Only John Bowe's two victories last year got a representative of the five-litre brigade to the flag first.

The competitive Phillip Island field will also continue the battles in both the ProAm and ProSports categories - and an unfortunate incident between rounds will ironically see both class leaders in the same make and model of car for the first this year.

While Jason Gomersall leads the ProAm standings comfortably in his Holden Torana A9X, ProSports leader Adam Garwood will also find himself behind the wheel of a hatchback Torana this weekend.

Garwood's regular Torana - a four door model - was badly damaged in a crash at Symmons Plains between rounds: the Tasmanian team using a state championship round as a testing opportunity.

The car was extensively damaged in a start-line accident, forcing Garwood into a back-up car for the remaining three rounds this year.

To fill the void, the team has dusted off Greg Garwood's Tarmac Rally specification SS Hatchback that was last raced in Targa Tasmania in 2013.

Though not a full-specification TCM car, much of the running gear from Garwood's existing car has been transferred into the backup vehicle to enable them to compete this weekend and potentially for the remainder of the season while a replacement car is constructed.

Victorian Brett Youlden is scheduled to make his first TCM start of the year, back behind the wheel of his familiar Holden Monaro GTS.

Youlden won the 2012 round at Phillip Island - snaring a race win in the process - and will look to showcase the impressive performance of his Monaro once again this weekend.

After a promising return to TCM competition in Queensland, Adam Bressington will return to Whiteline Racing for his second start of the year this weekend, having finished second in the ProAm class on his series' return.

Meanwhile, Wayne Mercer will make a welcome return to the grid this weekend, having missed the most recent round in Queensland.

The Falcon GTHO driver won in his last start at Hidden Valley - his maiden TCM race win - and became the 8th different winner this year, a record for the category.

The inclusion on the Shannons Nationals program means Sunday's pair of races will be streamed live and free via the Touring Car Masters website, the Shannons Nationals website and the Motorsports TV app for iPhone and Android mobile platforms.



TCM WINNERS: WHO'S NEXT IN LINE? SEP 6, 2016

A RECORD-SMASHING eight different winners have won races in the Touring Car Masters series' this year – but if the list of contenders yet to grab a victory is anything to go by, that list could be bigger by the end of the year.

The year started in Adelaide with Greg Ritter taking two wins before Adam Garwood won his maiden race in the Trophy battle on Sunday.

At Sandown Jim Richards (race one) and John Bowe (race two) continued their decades-long fight before Andrew Fisher powered his Falcon GTHO to a hugely popular victory in race three – his first in the category.

Bowe won twice at Winton (proper Torana country, that) before Glenn Seton stormed from near last to win the Trophy race in stunning fashion thanks to a last-lap pass on Adam Garwood in a thriller.

In Darwin it was Steven Johnson's turn to taste the champagne, using Falcon GTHO power to hold out Bowe in race one and Seton in race two for a pair of extremely well-received victories.

In the trophy race, Wayne Mercer made it a hat trick for Ford fans and became the third first-time winner this season.

John Bowe and Glenn Seton dominated the most recent round at Queensland Raceway, however both continue to be pushed extremely hard by a busy pack looking to break through for a maiden win.

On top of the 'would be winners' list has to be Jason Gomersall and Eddie Abelnica.

Gomersall has been an outright contender in every race this year, especially since the Winton debut of his two-door A9X Torana that has rapidly become the most popular car in the category.

He's qualified second in each of the three rounds he's contested with the car, and in nine races has three seconds and two thirds to his credit – not to mention a very healthy lead in the ProAm standings.

And though qualifying isn't as important in TCM as other categories, Gomersall's performances in those sessions this year have been hugely impressive: He's missed the top spot by an average of just 0.2 seconds and three of his four TCM front row starts have come in the last three rounds.

What will be even more promising for the Queenslander is the fact that his debut front-row start in TCM also came at Phillip Island when he started alongside John Bowe at the Victorian venue in 2014. There's no doubt that when – certainly not if – Gomersall cracks it for his maiden TCM victory it will be a hugely popular moment.

Eddie Abelnica is, of course, a former race winner in the category and has six race wins and a round victory (Barbagello, 2007) to his credit. His famous bright red Falcon Coupe is a contender at every circuit – and has been supremely consistent this season, which is why he currently sits second in the championship less than 60 points behind Bowe.

The popular Victorian is also absolutely due a result: his last race win came at Bathurst in 2013 and since then he's been in the top three 20 times in 64 races without quite cracking it for an outright win.

This year Eddie has finished on the podium in three of the five rounds contested, and has a pair of top three race performances to his credit. What's more is that Abelnica stormed home at the end of the 2015 season with top three finishes in the last six straight races – including three at Phillip Island..

So, who else? The Whiteline Racing duo have to be considered contenders in their pair of Chevrolet Camaro's.

Mark King has two race wins to his credit in TCM and has again been hugely consistent in his King Springs '70 model this year. Adam Bressington, meanwhile, is yet to record an outright TCM victory but has three top-three race results to his credit, including one scored at Mount Panorama. He's also driving a car that is the third most successful in TCM History: The 21 wins Andrew Miedecke scored in the Whiteline Racing '69 Camaro sit only behind John Bowe's Ford Mustang 'Sally' and Gavin Bullas' similar '69 coupe.

Tony Karanfilovski is also yet to win this year, but with three race wins to his credit certainly knows how to get the job done.

Brett Youlden, who makes a welcome return in his HQ Monaro, is another who has had success in the category and is also a former winner at Phillip Island, when he powered his green machine to the front at the high-speed Victorian venue in 2012.

And then there's Keith Kassulke.. he's twice won races at Phillip Island and has a round victory there to his credit, too.

Of course, we're only touching the surface here. The WAECO Trophy Races introduced this year have added even more spice to the already hot racing the Touring Car Masters has to offer – only broadening the list of potential winners this year.



WEATHER IN THE WAY OF FORM GUIDE AT PHILLIP ISLAND SEP 9, 2016

PHILLIP ISLANDS notorious weather has gotten in the way of establishing a clear form guide for this weekend's Shannons TT – the sixth round of the 2016 Touring Car Masters series.

The only constant was the fact that it was a Holden topping both sessions today – Torana ace Jason Gomersall fastest in a mostly dry opening practice and Brett Youlden's Monaro quickest in the wetter session later in the afternoon.

Gomersall's practice 1 benchmark was a quick 1m42.28s – less than a second behind the current Touring Car Masters lap record at Phillip Island, set by John Bowe in last year's season finale.

Bowe shaded Gomersall in the opening session with Andrew Fisher third in the Jesus Racing Falcon GTHO. Tony Karanfilovski and Jim Richards completed the top five.

Lap times were more than 12 seconds slower thanks to the rain that fell before and during practice two, however former Phillip Island TCM winner Brett Youlden didn't seem to mind the inclement conditions and vaulted straight to the top of the charts early in the session.

His 1m54.14s lap was good enough to last as the quickest time all session, fellow Victorian Eddie Abelnica proving the prowess of the Melbourne's Cheapest Cars XB Falcon in the wet thanks to the second quickest time.

Steven Johnson, Andrew Fisher and John Bowe completed the top five in the wet session.

Other notable performers today included Keith Kassulke (7th in the dry and 9th in the wet), Rusty French (10th and 8th) and Mark King, who ended up 6th in the rain in his Whiteline Racing Camaro.

Adam Garwood was quickly up to speed in his 'replacement' Holden Torana A9X Hatchback, lapping 10th fastest in the second session.



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EDDIE'S DROUGHT ENDS WITH STUNNING ISLAND WIN SEP 10, 2016

EDDIE ABELNICA brilliantly ended a 64-race streak without a Touring Car Masters race victory, thanks to a powerful performance at the Phillip Island Grand Prix circuit today.

Abelnica became the 9th different winner of the 2016 season when he stormed his Melbourne's Cheapest Cars XB Falcon hardtop to the win from fourth on the grid, passing Glenn Seton, Jason Gomersall and John Bowe to do the job in a cracking race.

It was the popular Melbournian's first win since Bathurst in 2013, and the first win for a Falcon Coupe since the final round of the same year.

Today's race had three different leaders across its 10-lap duration and included conditions that changed from dry at the start to mildly damp mid-race.

Starting on the front row, Bowe and Gomersall battled in the opening laps, swapping the lead on several occasions in their two Holden Torana's before Gomersall was able to open a small lead on lap four.

The same lap saw Andrew Fisher pull to a halt at the exit of turn one, bringing out the Safety Car while the Jesus Racing Falcon was recovered.

Gomersall lead on the restart however was quickly passed by Bowe, who was revelling in the dicey conditions in his Wilson Security SLR 5000.

The pair continued to battle for the following lap and ran side-by-side into turn one on the eighth of ten laps, Bowe holding the ascendancy right up to the exit of turn two - where he ran wide and surrendered the lead to Gomersall.

Unfortunately, the A9X driver would only hold the top spot for two more turns – understeering wide at turn four and handing the lead to Abelnica, who had also powered past Bowe when he ran wide.

After three lead changes in the one lap, the big Falcon was never headed from there and powered to victory ahead of Bowe and Glenn Seton – who ran quietly in the top four for the entire race.

Adam Bressington finished an outstanding fourth in the Whiteline Racing / Fabre Chevrolet Camaro with Gomersall ultimately fifth following his trip off the road at Honda.

Brett Youlden stormed through from 10th on the grid to sixth at the finish, shaded to the line by Steven Johnson (Falcon GTHO) and Jim Richards' AMC Javelin.

Tony Karanfilovski and Leo Tobin completed the top-10 in what was arguably one of the races of the season.

Fisher was the only non-finisher, while Keith Kassulke was an unfortunate non-starter following an engine drama in qualifying.

Earlier in qualifying, Bowe secured his third pole of the year with a record 1m39.83s lap, while Jason Gomersall qualified second for the fourth straight round this year.

Glenn Seton and Eddie Abelnica lined up on the second row with Adam Bressington, Jim Richards, Steve Johnson, Andrew Fisher, Mark King and Brett Youlden completing the top-10.

BOWE, BRESSINGTON, STEWART THE ISLAND WINNERS SEP 11, 2016

JOHN BOWE won both Sunday Touring Car Masters races at the Phillip Island Grand Prix circuit, while Adam Bressington was the big winner in the ProAm class for the first time.

After battling with Glenn Seton in the second race, Bowe battled through the field in the WAECO Trophy Race to edge out his margin over Eddie Abelnica in the TCM standings.

Thanks in part to his storming victory in race one on Saturday, Abelnica finished second overall this weekend, tied on points with Glenn Seton.

Bressington's ProAm victory came thanks to a trio of strong performances that included top five finishes in the opening two races, and a string of fastest laps in the trophy battle.

He beat out Jason Gomersall and Brett Youlden on the ProAm podium – his first round win for Whiteline Racing since he re-joined the championship at Queensland Raceway last round.

Graham Stewart beat Adam Garwood by one point in the ProSports battle while Darren Beale finished third.

Bowe won race two after a race long battle with old rival Glenn Seton, the pair finishing 1-2 for the third time in four races this year.

Abelnica led the field into turn one and held the top spot for the first lap, before Bowe's Torana was able to work his way past at turn one on the second lap.

Seton, too, soon passed Abelnica – who would ultimately drop to fourth place at the finish – while Steven Johnson stormed his way to third place, having started seventh.

Adam Bressington continued his strong form, backing up fourth in race one with fifth in the second, though his race was filled with battles in front and behind. At the same time as attacking Abelnica, the Fabre / Whiteline Racing Camaro driver was busy defending advances from Jason Gomersall for much of the race.

Gomersall passed the Camaro on the final lap, however was quickly re-passed by Bressington in a great bit of racing.

Brett Youlden, Jim Richards, Mark King and Tony Karanfilovski completed the top-10.

Brett Youlden and Mark King led the field away in the trophy race, however it didn't take long for Bowe to work his way to the front and the lead of the race.

The highlight was a lengthy battle for second and third between Tony Karanfilovski and Steven Johnson – one that waged for much of the 10-lap race.

Resolute in his defence, Karanfilovski withheld the advances of Johnson (driving Tony's Falcon) and was able to finish second – his second top three race finish of the year.

King and Youlden completed the top five, with Glenn Seton, Adam Garwood, Jim Richards, Rusty French and Leo Tobin completing the top 10.

Garwood won the ProSports trophy and Karanfilovski the ProAm.

WILSON TRANS-TASMAN CHALLENGE TO IGNITE SUPERCHEAP AUTO BATHURST 1000

SEP 15, 2016

MORE THAN 50 of the most spectacular muscle cars from Australia and New Zealand will be one of the highlights of the Supercheap Auto Bathurst 1000 event this October 6-9, at Mount Panorama.

A collaboration between Touring Car Masters, New Zealand's Central Muscle Cars series and with the full support of event promoters, Supercars, the Wilson Trans-Tasman Challenge will see the Bathurst grid filled with 600-plus horsepower muscle cars from both sides of the Tasman.

Cars from Australia's Touring Car Masters (TCM) series will be joined by more than 25 entries from New Zealand's Central Muscle Cars (CMC) Series to offer fans a spectacular show of classic racing machinery from the early 1960s to late 1970s / early 1980s.

The Wilson Group will be the major sponsor for the event, supported by long-term TCM sponsors, Shannons Insurance, Rare Spares, Total Lubricants, Hoosier Tyres and Waeco Fridges.

It is set to be one of the largest grids of purely V8 (and selected six-cylinder) muscle cars assembled on the Mountain in years.

The bumper field will contest three races across the October 6-9 weekend, including a preliminary race on Friday and a Trophy Race on Saturday prior to the Supercars Top-10 shootout.

Sunday morning will feature the main event – the Wilson Trans-Tasman Challenge where the 25-plus cars from each series will line up side by side for a stunning rolling start on the mountain.

The New Zealand contingent will be made up of 25 Central Muscle Cars representing both of their classes.

Touring Car Masters competitors are already looking forward to their moment in the spotlight at Australia's most famous circuit.

"The cars will be the stars and we will have a collection of race cars never assembled together before in this number," Touring Car Masters category manager Tony Hunter said.

"The Sunday Wilson Trans-Tasman challenge race could be one of the best sights ever seen on the Mountain, with Touring Car Masters cars on one side of the grid and Central Muscle cars lined up on the other for an incredible rolling start.. there will be thunder in the hills!

"For many drivers racing at or in the Bathurst 1000 is a dream so for a lot of people this will be a pinnacle event of their racing careers.

"We are very thankful to the Wilson Group for supporting what is set to be one of the most incredible fields of Muscle Cars in Australian history."

Visiting Central Muscle Cars include the Group 1 Falcon XD driven by Dean Perkins, the Group 2 champion in Steve Noyer (Shelby Mustang) and former Group 2 champion Dr. John Elliot's Torana GT-R XU1.

Tony Galbraith will also bring his fire-breathing V8-powered Chrysler Charger to the Mountain to put on a show for Chrysler fans.

More details, including technical details relating to each class, will be released ahead of the October 6-9 event.



ENTRY LIST - WILSON TRANS TASMAN CHALLENGE			
TOURING CAR MASTERS		CENTRAL MUSCLE CARS	
Jim Richards	AMC Javelin	Tristan Teki	Chevrolet Camaro
John Bowe	Holden Torana	Anthony Galbraith	Chrysler Charger
Glenn Seton	Ford Mustang	Dean Perkins	Ford Falcon
Tony Hunter	Chevrolet Monza	Steven Ross	Holden Commodore
Andrew Fisher	Ford Falcon	Andrew Turner	Holden Commodore
Tony Karanfilovski	Ford Mustang	John Elliot	Holden Torana
Keith Kassulke	Holden Monaro	Greg Cuttance	Ford Falcon
Adam Bressington	Chevrolet Camaro	Sean Fowler	Holden torana
Mark King	Chevrolet Camaro	Stephen Noyer	Ford Mustang
Leo Tobin	Ford Mustang	Mark Holland	Chevrolet Camaro
Wayne Mercer	Ford Falcon	Bruce Anderson	Ford Mustang
Rusty French	Ford Mustang	Cameron Crawford	Ford Falcon
John Roberts	Chevrolet Camaro	Murray Graham	Holden Torana
Grant Wilson	Chevrolet Camaro	Michael Eden	Ford Falcon
Jason Gomersall	Holden Torana	Calvin Andrew	Holden Commodore
Brett Youlden	Holden Monaro	Stephen Scoles	Chevrolet Camaro
Blu Cannon	Ford Falcon	Grant Dalton	Chevrolet Camaro
Al 'Cusso' Boughen	Mercury Comet	Anthony Barrow	Holden Commodore
Greg Garwood	Ford Capri	Colin Meadows	Chevrolet Camaro
Adam Garwood	Holden Torana	John Midgley	Ford Falcon
Eddie Abelnica	Ford Falcon	David Hopper	Chevrolet Camaro
Cameron Tilley	Valliant Pacer	Brendan Mason	Chevrolet Camaro
TBC	Chrysler Charger	Steven Hildred	Holden Monaro
Nigel Benson	Holden Monaro	Gregory Holden	Ford Falcon
Paul Freestone	Chevrolet Camaro	Duane Ingley	Dodge Challenger
Darren Beale	Holden Monaro	Roderick Hayman	Pontiac Firebird
Steven Johnson	Ford Falcon		
Garry O'Brien	Holden Monaro		



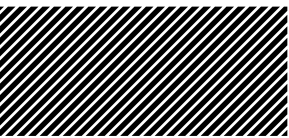
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HIGHWAY SELFIE !!

Bob and Shaz on the highway in their b doubles back from Melbourne



MERCEDES BENZ 'STUDY TOUR' GERMANY

Last week of September, Bobby headed off to Germany with Mercedes Benz Trucks, as a guest of Michael May and Andrew Assimo – The trip included factory visits, museums, drive day and great discussions about the Benz product. Fellow Aussies, Geoff Crouch and David Simon were also part of the group. There is no doubt a great time was had by all further cementing the strong relationship we share with the organization.



M & M'S

How great is this to see, Andrew and son George having such great success racing together in the Miedecke/Stone Bros Racing Aston Martin – Not only awesome blokes but also awesome racers – well done guys.



WILD HOGS ANNUAL TOUR OF DUTY TO THE ALICE

In what has become tradition, the 'wild hogs' headed north for fun and adventure in the Alice, for the Hall of Fame Annual Induction celebrations.

Work commitments would see two shifts leave Adelaide on Wednesday 24th August with the first night spent in Port Augusta. The boys have just found heading up to Port Augusta, breaks the back of the long ride required on the 2nd day.

Tracey accepted the challenge to ride with partner Richard on motorbike whilst Steph (Giggles), Annette (Chook), Shai (Pocket Rocket) and Shaz (Rebel) flew up on Friday in time to attend the Cummins Race Day. The boys arrived at the Diplomat in time to clean up to join us trackside – always a fun day trying to pick a winner and it's thirsty work too – few bevies needed to get through.

Friday night we headed to the Alice Casino for dinner, sitting outdoors with heaters on – Alice was pretty cold at night on this trip.

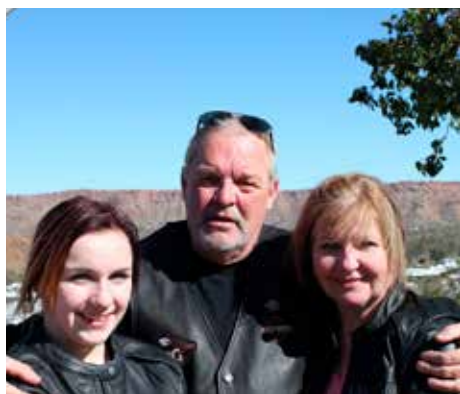
Saturday was very special, we arranged a picnic and all rode out to Simpsons Gap – was a really relaxing day and great scenery on the ride and we started off the day with a yummy brekky in the Todd Mall. We also rode out to the Telegraph Station for an ice cream and refreshments in the afternoon. Prior to riding to the gap, we also stopped by the Alice Harley Shop, just to be cool bikers and check out the stock !!

Back to the Diplomat in time to freshen up for the Gala Dinner out at the Hall of Fame where we enjoyed pre dinner drinks in the Kenworth Hall of Fame then into the main arena for dinner. Always so special attending this event to catch up with legends in the industry, as well as Hall of Fame CEO Liz Martin OAM and the amazing team of volunteers who are there year in and out.

Sunday morning we headed back to the Mall for brekky and on a Sunday the Alice puts on a street market which the girls took advantage of for a little retail therapy.

The boys then saddled up and headed back to Adelaide, whilst us girls headed out to the airport for a few drinks in the lounge prior to our flight home.

As per usual a lot of laughs were had with what is an awesome group of friends – check out our pics. Rebel, Bob The Builder, Humphrey, Container, Giggles, Sharpie, Chook, Pocket Rocket, Mongrel, Retread, Roadie, Iceman, Red, Mr. Fixit, Trev.



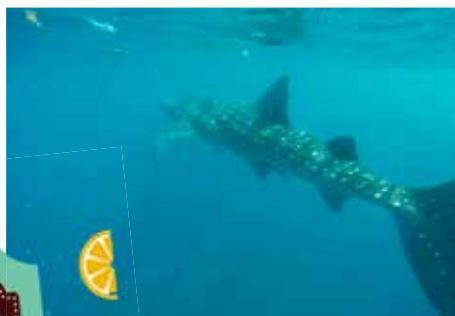
NIGHT 1, CLEARLY COLD AND REQUIRED FOR MEDICINAL PURPOSES, EMPTY PORT BOTTLES AT PORT AUGUSTA.





Jase and partner Tina took off for some R & R in sunny Mexico. They spent time swimming with turtles, sharks and beautiful marine life and kicked back on cocktails and the odd corona or two !! check out some of the pics :







SERIES RESULTS

Round 1 Clipsal 500 Adelaide (SA) March 3-6
 Round 2 Sandown Shannons Nats (VIC) April 1-3
 Round 3 Winton Super Sprint (VIC) May 20-22
 Round 4 Skycity Triple Crown (NT) June 17 - 19
 Round 5 Coates Hire Ipswich Super Sprint (QLD) July 22-24
 Round 6 Phillip Island Shannons Nats (VIC) Sept 9-11
 Round 7 Supercheap Auto Bathurst 1000 October 6-9
 Round 8 Muscle Car Masters (NSW) Oct 29-30



Class	Driver	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	TOTAL
PRO MASTER CATEGORY - 2016 ENZED TOURING CAR MASTERS										
ProMaster	John Bowe	158	166	170	123	158	166			941
ProMaster	Eddie Abelnic	151	137	137	144	147	158			874
ProMaster	Glenn Seton	147	86	154	158	166	158			869
ProMaster	Steve Johnson	134	158	146	170	0	136			744
ProMaster	Mark King	122	125	125	119	134	101			726
ProMaster	Jim Richards	48	162	137	137	30	122			636
ProMaster	Greg Ritter	170	64	0	0	0	0			234
ProMaster	Andrew Miedecke	131	0	0	0	0	0			131

Class	Driver	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	TOTAL
PRO AM CATEGORY - 2016 ENZED TOURING CAR MASTERS										
ProAM	Jason Gomersall	110	125	162	131	158	137			823
ProAM	Tony Karanfilovski	0	146	80	110	125	113			574
ProAM	Rusty French	84	95	68	104	110	104			565
ProAM	Andrew Fisher	97	119	113	125	39	0			493
ProAM	Wayne Mercer	67	101	91	104	0	74			437
ProAM	Leo Tobin	67	60	46	0	74	104			351
ProAM	Adam Bressington	0	0	0	0	143	143			286
ProAM	Paul Freestone	128	102	0	0	0	0			230
ProAM	Cameron Tilley	0	89	96	0	0	0			185
ProAM	Brett Youlden	0	0	0	0	0	130			130
ProAM	Bruce Williams	0	0	77	0	0	0			77
ProAM	Keith Kassulke	0	0	0	0	62	0			62
ProAM	Bob Middleton	0	0	0	45	0	0			45

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