



### Welcome to Honda Sports Car Club of Australia Inc. Newsletter

2015 has already been a busy year for the club with planning for the future and we are about to elect our next committee. There have also been a number of recent events some of which are reported below.

Scott has given me a very extensive report on the National run in South Australia and this will be sent out to our members as a separate item.

I have also received from Jann Skinner a number of articles on her recent escapades as a navigator in Targa Tasmania which I will also include in the article on the National run.

The gap between our newsletters is far, far too long. If we have someone out there willing to take on the role of producing our newsletter, that would be very much appreciated. Yours truly has not been able to produce regular newsletters as in the past as Risky did for HSCC NSW and again my apologies for this.

Any articles, links, events etc. you may have that you think could be of interest to our members, please let me know and they can be included accordingly.

Malcolm Michael

### Upcoming National Events

To allow you maximum time to be aware of future events we can provide the following information.

#### HSCCA National Event 2016

We are well underway in planning our next national event to be held in Victoria's High Country currently planned for the last week in February. The actual week will be confirmed soon. Andrew Eckersley is organising this event and has reported:

*"Currently the run will involve driving in the following:*

- Mt Hotham and Mt Beauty*
- Anglers rest on the Omeo Highway*
- Picturesque Bright*
- Hotham Heights*
- A trip to the Buccan Caves and Falls Creek."*

*"This trip will encompass some of the best alpine driving roads along the southern section of the Great Dividing Range. Some of these climbs we will be doing twice to ensure we get to soak up not only the driving experience but the fantastic views.*

*There are further plans to experience some great surrounding roads and activities in the surrounding areas including of course some great vineyards. I will let you know when these are locked in and a route finalised".*

### HSCCA National Event 2017

While this is some time away we want to let you know as early as possible we are considering a trip to New Zealand in 2017. Here we will hire sports cars (unless you want to take your own car over ☺) and enjoy the wonderful Kiwi roads, mountains, lakes, wines and food in the Queenstown area of the South Island.

NZ has a Race to the Sky (the world's longest gravel hill climb) event in March/April each year. This is very similar to Pikes Peak race in the USA so we are considering attending the race as part of the event.

### HSCCA Events in 2015

#### HSCCA NSW Motorfest 7<sup>th</sup> March

This year was the 12<sup>th</sup> time we have entered this event and one of the few times we have not won something. Last year we won best club display but this year our numbers were down due to a number of members simply unable to be there. Frances and I were there with my S2000, Colin and Elaine with their S2000 and Phillip and Judy with their NSX. Herb and Lucy also joined us with their Audi A5 convertible but was not on display.

A nice dinner on Friday night was enjoyed by most of us with Phillip and Judy joining us on Saturday morning.

This year was a very relaxed event. We managed to start the event with reasonably early start to put up our tent, table and chairs plus the pictorial display of Honda car and motor bike car achievements over the past decades.



Our cars on display



Different view of Colin relaxing

For once I was able to get out of being a judge which always included best Japanese car (maybe that is why we did not win anything!).

We all enjoyed viewing over 300 cars from all decades over the last 100 years. This year's event again showed how the number of cars on display continue to grow each year with local service groups being the benefactor of the money raised by the Tea Gardens & Hawks Nest Car Club of which I am also a member.

Ian and Ros from the Sydney based photography club I belong to turned up on the day to take pictures and they thoroughly enjoyed the event.

Saturday night saw us adjourn to dinner at our house where we were well and truly catered for by Frances. Ian and his wife Sandie from the photography club also joined us for dinner.

Sunday saw us again taking it easy starting with breakfast in Hawks Nest and then touring up the road to Mungo Brush to enjoy the lake scenery and a walk in the huge sand dunes before retiring back to Hawks Nest for dinner.



Beautiful Mungo brush late afternoon



Herb 'racing' up the sand dunes

On Monday morning we all headed back to Sydney after another very enjoyable weekend.

Malcolm Michael

### **HSCCA NSW Monthly Drive 29<sup>th</sup> March**

This drive set a number of firsts for the club.

1. It was the first run for 2015 (nothing special in that!).
2. It was the first run being led by Paul Philips.
3. It was the first to start in the West and then go East (sort of but more of that later).
4. It is the first where the destination restaurant was actually a member's house.

So to the run. We all met at McDonalds at Richmond on the outer edges of Sydney. The weather was great for a drive around Sydney.

We were blessed with 5 NSXs, 3 S2000s and an Audi. In another first instead of providing driving instructions based on way points and distances, Paul provided a map with the route drawn on the map and way points marked. But before we even left there was another twist – when we cross the Sackville ferry, Malcolm will take over the lead until morning tea.





Paul briefing us on the run with his trusty maps

We headed off West up towards Kurrajong before heading North East towards the Sackville ferry.



Loading onto Sackville ferry

At the Sackville ferry, Malcolm took over to provide some additional roads to the drive. We headed off to one of our popular roads – River Road along the banks of the Hawkesbury. It would be a good drive except that one of the local residents pulled out just after Malcolm almost at the start of the pack and proceeded to drive at 40 km/h or less in a 60 km/h zone spoiling the enjoyment. Finally some relief at the next intersection as we turned up Cliftonville Road while the resident stayed on River Road. Malcom was later heard to remark that he thought he had lost us all.

On to Wiseman's Ferry Road and Northern Road heading back towards Sydney. It was not our day, we struck another "Sunday" driver with a faulty speedometer. They spent a good 10kms

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driving at 20 – 25km/h below the speed limit. Once past them and a blast from Malcolm (both verbally and from the horn) it was on to Galston and the Greenshades Café for a somewhat late morning tea. We met up with a new member, Noel McIntosh and his NSX. This was a new venue which proved a good place with some of our number indulging in cakes even though lunch was less than an hour away.



Coffee break

Now Paul is back in the lead for the home run to Killara via Galston Gorge (interesting to go the other way – it makes the bends on the uphill run even more interesting), Pennant Hills Road and the Comenarra Parkway and Lady Game Drive.

We arrive at our lunch destination – Chez Maison – the home of Paul & Margot. Margot is there to welcome us all and to offer nibbles while Paul dons the apron to fire up the BBQ. What a feast. The food and the venue scored 11 out of 10 with all guests and attendees.



Not much left of the excellent food

All in all a great day. Many thanks to Paul and Malcolm for the drive and even more thanks to Margot for the great food.

Iain Riley

### **HSCCA SA McLaren Vale run to Oxenberry Winery 19<sup>th</sup> April**

An enthusiastic bunch of NSX (and Bolwell) enthusiasts happily sacrificed their Sunday morning “sleep in” to rendezvous at the Crafer’s Hotel in the Adelaide Hills on April 19<sup>th</sup>. Andrea bought the Red NSX out just to say Hi before she went off to another commitment, that’s the spirit! Scott briefed us on the route and we then drove through some of the best roads in the hills down to McLaren Vale.

The Bolwell’s took a separate route (they like to be different!) but we all had the same goal as last year, the Oxenberry winery, and we were all looking forward to the atmosphere, music and great food. We headed to McLaren Vale where we could soak up the excitement due to the huge array of classic cars and people that gather nearby Oxenberry on this day each year for McLaren Vale Classic. Around 500 classic cars turn up and go on show in a huge paddock for a couple of hours before a public procession through the township to the cheers and applause of the enthusiastic crowd.



The line up! Hiroshi and Erica’s Type R, Chris’s weapon, Scott and Julie’s Monte Carlo Blue and David and Julie’s S2000.

Once again our small fleet of NSX’s (and this year one very smart S2000) lined up on the lawns at Oxenberry parking right in front of the dining area and the bandstand. The most outstanding car was undoubtedly Hiroshi’s genuine NSX-R that he recently imported from Japan when he and Erica “repatriated” to South Australia. Hiroshi obviously maintains his “R” with huge pride, so it’s no surprise his gem remains in immaculate condition. The red S2000 was a recent purchased by David and Julie after many months of searching. Their patience has paid off, it would be almost impossible to find a better condition low mileage S2000. I guess it goes without saying the Honda presence well and truly stood out.





David and Julie, proud S2000 owners and new HSCCA members



Yes it's the real deal! Hiroshi and Erica's Type R, also recently joined the club.

It was a lot cooler than last year but thankfully fine, so we locked onto the cappuccino supply before the procession, and then a great lunch and as many wines as we dared after. Last year we all enjoyed the band "Two and a Half Men" and this year they rocked again. They have a great knack for playing music for all ages. Later in the afternoon a few baby boomers even took to the dance floor.

Once again a great day was had by all. If you get half a chance to come along next year, I highly recommend you do. A big Thanks once again to Michael, Pia and Phillip Scarpantoni for supplying a brilliant venue and great food and wines. Rumour has it that Michael's S600 is in "workshop progress mode" so maybe we will see that next year?

*Chris Jennings*  
(wannabe NSX-R owner)



Chris and Scott check out the 96 Coupe

### **HSCCA NSW Monthly Drive 26th April**

The weather for the past month was inclement to say the least – not clement at all.

The day dawned a little overcast but the rain stayed away, at least most of the time. We met at McDonalds at Liverpool for a short run and a picnic lunch (well most of us brought our picnic supplies).

We had 3 NSXs, 2 S2000s and 2 other. Paul, Phil and Howard, together with Margot and Sue Iain and David with Steve, Kaye and Kumiko with Jacques and Sean.





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Heading off from Liverpool, we played briefly with the M5 before heading off on the Heathcote Road to Engadine. Once there we head south and enter the Royal National Park at Waterfall and head down the hill, passing a police car coming up the other way – no drama. We keep heading south over the Stanwell Tops and down the coast road, over the Sea Cliff Bridge, then up the Bulli Pass to the Southern Gateway Centre overlooking Wollongong where we stopped for morning tea. The weather was trying hard to close in, but it held off.

After morning tea we continue South on the highway, on to Picton Road and then Mt Keira Road and Harry Graham Drive as we go down Mt Kembla and back onto the Princes Highway. Turning south we head through Unanderra and Kembla Grange before turning West to our destination The Australian Motorlife Museum.

Courtesy of Elaine Caldwell, we had been warned what to expect. The car park was FULL of MX5s. We was outnumbered. Also because of their numbers they had the advantage of a BBQ and a private room. This doesn't worry us – we are a hardy lot.

We all wondered through the museum for an hour or so looking at the wonderful array of exhibits from cars old & new(ish), caravans, motorbikes and memorabilia.

Following that we adjourned to the picnic area and enjoyed our food and company. We ended up with very little rain, reasonable road conditions and great company.

Another successful and enjoyable club drive

Iain Riley

## HSCCA NSW Drive 31<sup>st</sup> May

Unfortunately due to a back injury, I was unable to take the run as planned and had to cancel the event on the morning.

We did have 4 NSXs (Phillip Rosen, Howard Boxall, Noel McIntosh and new member Roland Lu) plus a S2000 (myself) and a Porsche (Kumiko) ready to go on some excellent roads with a lunch planned in a private room at the Settlers Arms, St Albans. Hopefully we can make up for this in the June drive when we plan to have this drive.

## New HSCCA Members

We welcome the following new members since June last year. On behalf of the club we look forward to them attending many successful meeting and events.

Tom Stadtkus	SA	Student	1997 Civic VTiR
Greg Wilson	VIC	Full(T)	1991 NSX
Noel McIntosh	NSW	Full	1991 NSX
Tim Lynas	SA	Full	1992 NSX
Roland Lu	NSW	Full(T)	1998 NSX
John Fitzpatrick	VIC	Full	1995 NSX
Hiroshi Sampei	SA	Full	1993 NSX
Michael Scarpantoni	SA	Full	1964 S600
David Martin	SA	Full	1999 S2000

### Risky's Jokes.

**Y**ou are driving down the road in your car on a wild, stormy night, when you pass by a bus stop and you see three people waiting for the bus:

1. An old lady who looks as if she is about to die.
2. An old friend who once saved your life
3. The perfect partner you have been dreaming about.

Which one would you choose to offer a ride to, knowing that there could only be one passenger in your car? Think before you continue reading. This is a moral/ethical dilemma that was once actually used as part of a job application.

You could pick up the old lady, because she is going to die, and thus you should save her first. Or you could take the old friend because he once saved your life, and this would be the perfect chance to pay him back.

However, you may never be able to find your perfect mate again.

**YOU WON'T BELIEVE THIS.....** The candidate who was hired (out of 200 applicants) had no trouble coming up with his answer. He simply answered: 'I would give the car keys to my old friend and let him take the lady to the hospital. I would stay behind and wait for the bus with the partner of my dreams.' Sometimes, we gain more if we are able to give up our stubborn thought limitations. Never forget to 'Think Outside of the Box.'

**HOWEVER.....**, The correct answer is to run the old lady over and put her out of her misery, have sex with the perfect partner on the bonnet of the car, then drive off with the old friend for a few beers.

I just love happy endings!

**If** there was a shred of doubt the world is totally insane, this will remove it....

Pythagoras' Theorem: .....24 words.

Lord's Prayer: .....66 words.

Archimedes' Principle: .....67 words.

Ten Commandments: .....179 words.

Gettysburg Address: .....286 words.

US Declaration of Independence: .....1,300 words.

US Constitution with all 27 Amendments:.....7,818 words.

EU Regulations on the Sale of CABBAGES: 26,911 words

### IMPOSSIBILITIES IN THE WORLD

- 1) You can't count your hair.
- 2) You can't wash your eyes with soap.
- 3) You can't breathe when your tongue is out.

**Put your tongue back in your mouth, you silly person.**

### TEN (10) THINGS I KNOW ABOUT YOU

- 1) You are reading this.
- 2) You are human.
- 3) You can't say the letter "P" without separating your lips.
- 4) You just attempted to do it.**
- 6) You are laughing at yourself.
- 7) You have a smile on your face and you skipped No. 5.
- 8) You just checked to see if there is a No. 5.**
- 9) You laugh at this because you are a fun loving person & everyone does it too.

Have a great Day. Laugh, and then Laugh and sing It's a Beautiful Morning even when it's not. "Do not regret growing older. It is a privilege denied to many."

**A**n Australian is having breakfast, in Paris, one morning (coffee, croissants, bread, butter and jam) when a Frenchman, chewing bubble-gum, sits down next to him. The Australian ignores the Frenchman who, nevertheless, starts a conversation.

Frenchman: "You Australian folk eat the whole bread?" Australian (in a bad mood): "Of course."

Frenchman: (after blowing a huge bubble) "We don't. In France, we only eat what's inside. The crusts we collect in a container, recycle it, transform them into croissants and sell them to Australia."

The Frenchman has a smirk on his face. The Australian listens in silence. The Frenchman persists: "Do you eat jam with the bread?" Australian "Of Course." Frenchman: (cracking his bubble-gum between his teeth and chuckling). "We don't. In France we eat fresh fruit for breakfast, then we put all the peels, seeds, and leftovers in containers, recycle them, transform them into jam, and sell the jam to Australia ."

After a moment of silence, the Australian then asks: "Do you have sex in France?" Frenchman: "Why of course we do", he says with a big smirk. Australian "And what do you do with the condoms once you've used them?" Frenchman: "We throw them away, of course." Australian: "We don't. In Australia, we put them in a container, recycle them, melt them down into bubble-gum, and sell them to France."

**S**pare a thought for the guy who told his wife that he was going on a business trip to China on that ill-fated Malaysian flight, MH 370, and now can't leave his girlfriend's flat!

**A** student asked his English professor, "what is the definition of a dilemma?" the professor said, "Well, there's nothing better than an example to illustrate that. Imagine that you are reclining in a big bed with a beautiful young woman on one side and a gay man on the other. "Who are you going to turn your back on?"

**I**n a tiny village on the Irish coast lived an old lady, a virgin and very proud of it. Sensing that her final days were rapidly approaching, and desiring to make sure everything was in proper order when she dies, she went to the town's undertaker (who also happened to be the local postal clerk) to make proper 'final' arrangements. As a last wish, she informed the undertaker that she wanted the following inscription engraved on her tombstone: **'BORN A VIRGIN, LIVED AS A VIRGIN, DIED A VIRGIN'**

Not long after, the old maid died peacefully. A few days after the funeral, as the undertaker-postal clerk went to prepare the tombstone that the lady had requested, it became quite apparent that the tombstone that she had selected was much too small for the wording that she had chosen. He thought long and hard about how he could fulfill the old maid's final request, considering the very limited space available on the small piece of stone. For days, he agonized over the dilemma. But finally his experience as a postal worker allowed him to come up with what he thought was the appropriate solution to the problem. The virgin's tombstone was finally completed and duly engraved, and it read as follows: **'RETURNED UNOPENED'**



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### NSW Drive & Committee Dates

Drives are normally held on the last Sunday of each month unless it coincides with a double demerit points weekend. In that case we normally go the week earlier subject to confirmation. Committee meetings are held normally held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month and anyone is welcome to attend.

Please refer to the event calendar published on the web site for details on all of our events.

### Web Sites – Interesting sites about our cars

#### Honda Sports Car Club of Australia Official Site

<http://www.hscna.com.au>

#### S2000 Products

<http://www.australia-goldcoast.com/index.html>

#### S2000 Online

<http://www.s2ki.com>

#### Honda Racing

<http://www.hondaracing.com>

#### Integra Type R Club of America

<http://www.itrca.com>

#### UK Integra Type R Club

<http://www.honda.org.uk>

#### Temple of VTEC

<http://www.vtec.net>

#### NSX Club of America

<http://www.nsxca.org>

#### NSX Site

<http://www.nsxprime.com>

#### NSX Cub of Japan

[http://www.nsxcj.com/e\\_index.htm](http://www.nsxcj.com/e_index.htm)

### Members Benefits

This section is currently under review in particular to update previous arrangements and also look into what we can offer in the other states. In the meantime we will list the confirmed benefits available in NSW.

Combined with regular newsletters and the benefits listed below HSCC club membership offers tangible savings well in excess of membership cost.

For Insurance please contact Shannon's direct on Ph 13 46 46. Your HSCCA club membership is the lynch pin for being accepted as an enthusiast. Whilst we cannot guarantee a better premium, it is definitely worth the time to get a quote.

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### Car Care & Repairs

Sam Movizio, owner of via Auto Salon de Elegance and Currans Accident Repair Centre was one of our sponsors for NSX 2013 in Tassie and is a long time supplier of services from both car care and repairs. He comes very highly recommended by a number of our members who regularly use his companies services.



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