



Round 1 2013

Not since Round 5 2010 have we had 12 drivers front for a race meeting – but that's what we had at round 1 2013 – our 20th season of official racing. Great to welcome several new drivers, although one was not exactly new – Jason raced with us until the 1999 season, with his career highlight to date being a memorable second place behind Cameron in the 1996 Formula One class. Alvaro and Rick are of course well known to most of us – as it turns out, Rick owns my old track from Latham, which was formally owned by Mark, and subsequently by Jorgo.

So to the racing, and there were plenty of off season cobwebs to be blown out as the Stock cars took to the track, with Neil running out the winner by a lap on 37 laps completed, with Steve a lap down in second and Chris only 3 seconds behind in 3rd.

Classic Rally was next, and after a couple of second places in 2012, it was Chris breaking through to take a clear win by 2 laps with 39 laps completed, from Neil on 37 laps and Alvaro (who was quickly coming to grips with the track) one lap further back on 36.

As always, NASCAR provided great racing. A classic dice between Chris and Alvaro resulted in both drivers finishing on 40 laps, but Chris repeated his result from round 1 2012 in taking the win by just over 3 seconds. There was daylight back to the rest of the field and four drivers finishing on 38 laps, but Dave P was the best, just taking 3rd by .3 of a second.

SCX Rally provided the closest finish of the night. Paul and Chris had another great race-long dice and with Paul finishing a scant 2 seconds ahead after 38 laps, it looked like first and second had been decided. BUT, there were those in the crowd who remembered a man who was yet to race, a man who famously won the class at Rod's track in Round 5 of 2009, a man who also won a class in the first round of racing at the same venue last year, and a man who was coming off another memorable last round win in the Classic Sports Car class. Who was that man? None other than Bruce, who calmly motored around to take the win by just over one second from Paul and Chris. The crowd went wild (well, they would have if they realised what just happened...!).

Finally, it was the NINCO class, and Paul just managed to hold on to make it 5 wins from the 6 times the class has been run at his track in Round 1 of each season (with a trouble plagued 8th in 2011 the only blot in the copybook). Paul finished on 42 laps and less than a second ahead of 2012 co-champion Steve, with Chris a lap back on 41.

Round 2 will be at Gary's venue (details below). With the 100 years of Canberra celebrations this year, this is a very appropriate venue – the history of Gary's track can be traced back to the old Canberra Police Boys Club in Turner, so I doubt there is a track in Canberra with more local history.

See you there...

Paul



Race Results

Stock Cars	Laps	Time	Position
Neil	37	4:09.19	1 st
Steve	36	4:05.40	2 nd
Chris	36	4:08.11	3 rd
Alvaro	35	4:02.09	4 th
Dave W	35	4:05.03	5 th
Bruce	35	4:08.66	6 th
Rick	34	4:12.54	7 th
Dave P	32	4:02.18	8 th
Jason	32	4:07.51	9 th
Paul	31	4:07.68	10 th
Craig	29	4:07.22	11 th
Ron	26	4:08.30	12 th

Classic Rally	Laps	Time	Position
Chris	39	4:05.24	1 st
Neil	37	4:07.62	2 nd
Alvaro	36	4:06.82	3 rd
Steve	35	4:06.94	4 th
Bruce	35	4:11.12	5 th
Paul	34	4:07.75	6 th
Dave P	34	4:08.84	7 th
Rick	33	4:12.16	8 th
Jason	33	4:14.74	9 th
Dave W	31	4:05.12	10 th
Craig	31	4:05.69	11 th
Ron	29	4:05.77	12 th

NASCAR	Laps	Time	Position
Chris	40	4:03.28	1 st
Alvaro	40	4:06.52	2 nd
Dave P	38	4:08.36	3 rd
Neil	38	4:08.67	4 th
Steve	38	4:10.29	5 th
Dave W	38	4:16.32	6 th
Paul	37	4:04.63	7 th
Jason	37	4:09.00	8 th
Craig	36	4:01.03	9 th
Bruce	36	4:04.91	10 th
Rick	35	4:05.33	11 th
Ron	31	4:13.28	12 th



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SCX Rally	Laps	Time	Position
Bruce	38	4:06.18	1 st
Paul	38	4:07.60	2 nd
Chris	38	4:09.84	3 rd
Alvaro	37	4:02.60	4 th
Steve	37	4:06.72	5 th
Rick	37	4:07.22	6 th
Dave W	36	4:07.41	7 th
Jason	31	4:12.24	8 th
Craig	28	4:13.75	9 th
Neil			DNS
Ron			DNS
Dave P			DNS

Ninco	Laps	Time	Position
Paul	42	4:04.56	1 st
Steve	42	4:05.21	2 nd
Chris	41	4:10.57	3 rd
Alvaro	39	4:03.61	4 th
Bruce	39	4:08.38	5 th
Rick	38	4:09.43	6 th
Dave W	38	4:09.94	7 th
Jason	36	4:06.08	8 th
Craig	34	4:09.42	9 th
Neil			DNS
Ron			DNS
Dave P			DNS

Dates for the Calendar:

Round 2 – 15 Feb – Gary's
Round 3 – 15 March – Chris
Round 4 – 12 April – Craig
Round 5 – 10 May – Rick
Round 6 – 7 June - Jason

Next Meeting:

When: Friday, February 15

Venue: Gary's

Practice from: 6:30pm, **Racing starts at:** 7:00pm

Group A: Group C, Touring, Classic Le Mans, Classic Sports and LMP

