

TEST & TUNE - 13TH APRIL

As we reported in mid-March we had to postpone the Test & Tune scheduled for Friday 6 April. During testing at the pre-season working bee we found electrical damage to the timing system and PA. It is perplexing how this occurred as all track cabling, PA cabling and 240V cabling was removed at the end of last season. We are still investigating the cause.

With the need to order parts from America we erred on the side of caution and postponed to give everyone ample time to make alternate plans for the long weekend with family and friends. Alice Springs Inland Dragway has an event on so check them out at www.cadra.com.au.

Clive and Jay have been in constant contact with Compulink and working to diagnose all damaged components. A diligent group of volunteers are back down at the track on Saturday 31 March to continue repairs that have been made possible thanks to Top End Access.

If all is progressing well we hope to run the combined ANDRA Test & Tune and the SCF Constructions Off Street Meet on Friday 13 April.

Be sure to keep an eye on Facebook or the Hidden Valley Drag Strip website where we will confirm if this will be going ahead by Tuesday 3 April.

CREW MEMBERSHIPS

Did you know that you can get ANDRA Crew Memberships that mean your crew doesn't need to sign the ANDRA Indemnity every event? If you have crew that rocks up every event why not get them ANDRA Crew Membership, it's cheap as chips.

<http://andra.com.au/competitor/andra-forms.html>

2012 SEASON CALENDAR

Apr-28	Season Opener
May-11	Beat the Heat Off Street
May-19	Track Champs Round 2
Jun-22	Beat the Heat Off Street
Jul-14	2012 NT Titles
Jul-27	Beat the Heat Off Street
Aug-04	Track Champs Round 4
Aug-18	Track Champs Round 5
Sep-08	Track Champs Round 6
Sep-14	Beat the Heat Off Street
Sep-22	Season Finale
Sep-28	Beat the Heat Off Street

2012 MEMBERSHIPS

We have gone electronic with our memberships to save you having to print out forms and fax them off or try to find a good old stamp. Register a new account and log into the Competitor Area on the website. There you will see a 2012 MEMBERSHIP event that you can register for and pay via credit card. We will receive your entry and can then arrange a 2012 membership pack to be posted out to you.

2012 Track Championship Event Schedule

Gates open	1:30pm
Scrutineering	1:30pm – 4:30pm
Qualifying sessions	2:30pm – 5:00pm
Feature Racing	6:00pm – 10:00pm

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OFF STREET CARS DOWN TO 11.00

A change in licensing and vehicle equipment regulations will allow racers of high performance, off street vehicles to continue to participate in the safety of Australian National Drag Racing Association (ANDRA) sanctioned off street events.

ANDRA has recognised the safety standards of modern cars have increased and past limitations have been a barrier for entry to the sport and would like to encourage participants to continue to race their vehicles in a safe environment.

ANDRA is continuing to review regulations concerning off street vehicles, with research currently being done into safe limits for off street drag racing participants.

Requirements for vehicles running quicker than 11.00sec are being looked at, with the safety of participants coming first and foremost.

This means that competitors with road registered vehicles with 4 wheel disc brakes and airbags may now run down to 11.00 at 140mph at Hidden Valley Drag Strip without the need for a harness, tail shaft loop or Super Street License.

Please note this is ONLY applicable for Beat the Heat Off Street events at Hidden Valley Drag Strip. Original requirements (eg 4pt harness, tail shaft loop etc) still exist for all Track Championship events.

START DELAY NOW 7SEC

In line with ANDRA rules, the Compulink Autostart feature which automatically starts the tree is now set to 7sec instead of 20sec for all Group 1 brackets.



BURNOUTS PAST THE START LINE

To reduce the amount of fluid we found dropped at the start line in 2011, and to preserve the racing surface, we are adopting the "no burnouts past the start line" rule for Street, Street Bike and Super Street. Competitors should conduct their burnout starting in the water box and stop before the start line.

2012 MAJOR EVENTS

The HVDRA committee is currently going through budget planning for the 2012 NT Quarter Mile Titles and the proposed event schedule will be released in late April so keep an eye on the website.

The committee is also liaising with the Northern Territory Government on another major event for 2012. As you can appreciate this is not an overnight process and is no way guaranteed but we are striving to confirm details as soon as possible. Whatever you do, keep 17-18th August free!

ANDRA PRO SERIES

As you may have read, the 2013 ANDRA championship calendar was released on 23 March. While this was sooner than we expected, we have been nominated for a round of the ANDRA Pro Series in August 2013. For a volunteer run track to step up to this level is a massive leap and we look forward to the support of all our members to make Hidden Valley one of the best drag strips in Australia.

We will be negotiating the finer details of the event over the next 12 months.