

HIDDEN VALLEY DRAG STRIP

COMPETITOR BULLETIN

January 2014

2014 RACE SEASON

Welcome to another year and another exciting season of racing at Hidden Valley.

This year is going to be short, sharp and action packed!

We kick off with the traditional Test & Tune/Beat the Heat Event on Saturday 29 March where we are sure to see plenty of competitors ironing out the cobwebs that have grown over the wet season.

We then just straight into it with three solid events including the Season Opener (12 April), the Dash 4 Cash with DOUBLE prize money up for grabs (26 April) and then we go into our double header NT Titles on the 16-17th May.

Once again we have the fire and smoke of the burnouts on Friday night of the NT Titles, and at every Beat the Heat event throughout the year.

We then round out the condensed season with the ANDRA Drag Racing Series on the 11-12th July featuring Top Alcohol, Top Fuel Motorcycle and Top Doorslammer!

WHY THE SHORT SEASON?

As we mentioned in previous bulletins the NT Government is commencing upgrades to the overall Hidden Valley Motorsport Complex in 2014. A media release from the NT Government in May 2013 stated more than \$5 million has been allocated for Hidden Valley in the 2013-14 Budget for resurfacing the V8 track circuit (2.9km) and upgrading V8 concrete barriers to meet the national standards required to host national and regional motor sporting events

An additional \$4.12 million will be provided in 2014-15 to upgrade sewerage, toilet blocks and drainage and redesign Turn One of the Hidden Valley circuit.

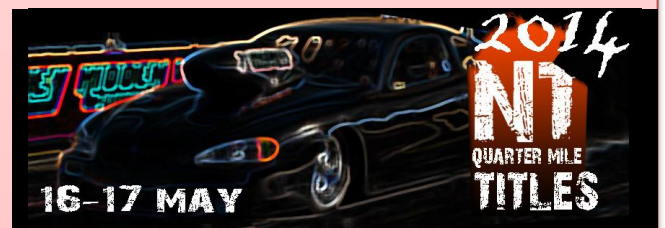
We were able to delay the construction dates so we could include the ANDRA Drag Racing Series and we have been able to deliver racing opportunities every 2 weeks throughout the available period (with the exception of the standard V8 Supercar closure period).

DASH 4 CASH - 26 APRIL 2014

That's right we have double the cash on offer for Round 2 of our Track Championship Series on Saturday 26th April. All drag racing categories will see the standard prize money DOUBLED so get your entries in early for your chance to win!

2014 CALENDAR

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| 29 MAR | TEST & TUNE/OFF STREET |
| 12 APR | SEASON OPENER |
| 26 APR | DASH 4 CASH |
| 16-17 MAY | 2014 NT TITLES |
| 30 MAY | BEAT THE HEAT OFF STREET |
| 27 JUN | BEAT THE HEAT OFF STREET |
| 11-12 JUL | ANDRA DRAG RACING SERIES |



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11 - 12 JULY

2014 MEMBERSHIP IS DUE
SIGNUP ONLINE IN
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2014 PIT AREA

After a review of the 2013 season Hidden Valley Drag Racing Association has agreed to continue the use of the V8 Paddock area for 2014.

Contrary to rumours, the move has not had an adverse effect on competitor attendance. 2013 competitor attendance increased by 14% compared to 2012. Average spectator attendance did reduce by 14.7% but was less than the overall spectator reduction for club motorsport events in 2013 (20%). Spectator attendance still remained above the comparison figures from 2011 showing a total overall growth of up to 22% over the three year period.

While the management committee acknowledges this may not suit all competitors, the fact remains that it is the preferred location by the majority of members (survey data provided in the June 2013 Competitor Bulletin). As an association the committee must listen to our members and act in the best interests of all to develop the sport. This is a very difficult task at times but we are guided by the majority of our members, all of whom have had the opportunity to provide feedback in December 2012, May/June 2013 and again at the Annual General Meeting in November 2013.

Discussions have commenced with the Northern Territory Government on areas for improvement which includes lighting, power, traffic management and pedestrian access initiatives.

MOTORSPORTS NT TRAVEL ASSISTANCE



Motorsports NT is able to assist competitors travelling interstate to represent Northern Territory and their respective club at State or National level by means of financial support. Events must be related to the activities of the respective club and be at a state or national level.

If you are attending an event before 30 June, 2014 and would like to apply for funding assistance please complete the [Competitor Travel Policy and Application form](#) and return to mail@hiddenvalleydrags.com for approval. Applications must include a copy of the receipt for race entry.

Applications must be presented to the MotorSports NT office 30 days prior to any of the events or costs listed on the application. Handwritten (excluding signatures), late or incomplete applications will not be accepted

Limited funding available - GET YOUR APPLICATIONS IN EARLY!

REMOVABLE ROLL CAGE SPECIFICATIONS NOW AVAILABLE



New rules permitting removable roll cages have been brought in by ANDRA, providing a new way to ensure safety while on the track but also preserving the street legal nature of many vehicles.

The specs for removable roll cages were researched extensively and tested by a team of engineers commissioned by ANDRA to determine the 8.00 second cut off.

Roll cages will be required to be registered with ANDRA.

The specifications for removable roll cage design are available on the Policies and Guides section of the ANDRA website, under the technical menu. Registration forms are available under Forms, in the competitor section of the website.

www.andra.com.au

HOW LICENCE DECLARATIONS AT THE TRACK WORK

Recently there has been some confusion on the purposes of the licence declaration forms available at the track. These are documents that are offered to racers that are unable to present their current credentials on race day. Most often they are used when a racer has sent their licence or logbook for renewal and it is still current. It can be used in an emergency if a licence or logbook is still current and cannot be found but it is always a better and cheaper solution to find your documentation.

Below is some important information on declarations:

1. These licence and logbook declarations state that a racer is a current licence/logbook holder of ANDRA. If your licence has expired and is not currently being processed by ANDRA you CAN NOT sign a declaration. Having just put the licence in the mail does not mean ANDRA is processing the licence. It is the responsibility of the racer to ensure all paperwork has reached the ANDRA office and is being processed before they sign the declarations.
2. Racers will be invoiced for these declarations if not at any fault of ANDRA.
3. If a competitor has a current licence and returned the licence and competitor passbook to ANDRA head office for renewal, they will NOT be charged or fined for the declaration.
4. Any racer found to be signing a false declaration i.e.: paperwork still in the mail, or not yet been received or updated by ANDRA will be fined and/or suspended for a period of three months.

5. Any racer who "just left the licence/logbook at home" will be charged for the invoice (logbook declaration \$110.00 inc GST and licence declarations \$55.00 inc GST).

6. Any racer that signed a declaration is required to be scrutineered.

7. The decision to charge a racer for a declaration lies with ANDRA head office, not ANDRA stewards/officials on the day.

- mandating the use of mufflers in Junior Dragster for the protection of hearing of young drivers and crew members
- mandating lower engine containment for many vehicles
- renaming Top Bike to Top Fuel Motorcycle
- issuing of specifications for bolt in roll cages to 8.00
- minimum SFI and FIA clothing requirements for Junior Dragster

SUCCESSFUL ANDRA RULE CHANGE SUBMISSIONS ANNOUNCED



A raft of rule changes have been approved by the ANDRA Board, set to be implemented for the 2014 season of the ANDRA Drag Racing Series and the Aeroflow Sportsman Drag Racing Championship.

Rule submissions are written by the membership of ANDRA each year, voted on by the National Rule Committee and Operations Committee and approved by the Board.

Over 60 rule submissions and technical clarifications were sent in to ANDRA of which many will be adopted into the 2014 ANDRA Rulebook.

A number of important submissions were approved by the ANDRA Board, including amongst them:

- new specific four cylinder naturally aspirated Competition classes
- new MR classes in Modified allowing for modern-style roadsters
- addition of H/MP class in Super Stock
- addition of a carburetted nitromethane class in Competition Bike
- implementation of run order guidelines for Group One

NT SPORTS VOUCHERS

In 2014, the Northern Territory Government Sport Voucher Scheme will provide a Sport Voucher up to the value of \$75 for every enrolled, school-aged child across the Northern Territory to help cover the costs of playing an organised sport.

Hidden Valley Drag Racing Association has registered as a sports organisation that can accept the Sports Vouchers and you may therefore use them towards 2014 membership or event entry.

A simple fact sheet on how the vouchers may be redeemed is [available online](#)



This is what the strip looks like after a wet season in Darwin. Plenty of work to be done throughout February and March to get it up to scratch. If you can lend a hand drop us a line.

