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December 2008 Newsletter

Jeff Thomas triumphs at the Lenlord Pink Ribbon Challenge.

The 15th & 16th of November saw the final round of the NSWORC coming to our home track at Colo Park.

This year saw the return of our ever loyal sponsor of Lenlord 4WD Sales which was not only supporting our event but also The McGrath Foundation & its Pink Ribbon Appeal.

After Fridays hot & humid weather that saw torrential rain and lightning in areas of Sydney, the light shower of rain at Colo were a blessing to keep the temperature and dust down. In all the makings for top weekend for the thirty eight entrants at this years event.

This years race featured an extension to the track. The new parts were twisty & narrower making the overall track not really one cars cup of tea. The bigger cars could let loose in the open areas but were contained in the tighter parts. A real leveler overall & what a good days racing is all about.

The race also saw the final sort out of some of the classes. Final class placings in three classes were still to be sought out at this final event for year.

For some the event wasn't being kind from the start. Simon Lennox spent Friday evening working on replacing an oil seal in the gearbox only to have a clutch cable let go on Saturday. Both Ian Cotton and David Nikiforoff both took a liking to the leafy growth around the place. The score, trees 2, drivers 0.



Saturday saw Buddy Crowe taking the prologue honours from Jeff Thomas with Darren Stocks in third.

Buddy's run at the top wasn't a sure thing with Jeff Thomas swapping these honours during races 1 & 3. Jeff was out to prove big wasn't always beautiful. Scott McNeil showed his hand in the 2nd race, taking it this time. Also making a showing were Kelvin Hill, Bradley Bishop, Aaron McClintock, and a gaggle of other SORRA members all ready to fill a placing should anyone make a mistake at the top.

The same could not be said for the likes of Paul Tuck-Lee, Garry Hyde, Shane McIntosh, Anthony Lia & Billy Standing, all seeing the competition over for the weekend.

Sunday saw a little more rain to settle the dust. It also saw Buddy Crowe retire with "brake problems".

A little more on this unfortunate occurrence later.

At the end of the day Jeff Thomas & Louise Dorrian took out both the overall and Pro Class win. Phil Page & Dustin Baque took out second place overall with Scott & Michelle McNeil taking out third spot.

Second in Pro Class was Jeff Cripps with Aaron McClintock in 3rd place. Michael Latimore took out Pro Lite's 1st place with Steve Taylor & Maria Raccosta in second with another consistent run. Wayne & Daneen Horsfall took 2nd posy from Scott Brown & Troy Burgess in the Super 1650's.

The Sportmans Class saw the giant killers Bradley & Kylie Bishop take out 1st in class and an even more impressive 4th outright. Second was won by father & son combo of Grant & Tim Walker with Les Webster in third spot.

The real winners were SORRA for putting on a great event. It would not be right if we didn't thank all the people from sponsors, officials, recovery and the people in the canteen that fed us, for their invaluable contribution to end off another year of the NSWORC and SORRA Championship at Colo.



Buddy has "brake problems"

Off roading is blessed with some wonderful sportsman.

During the last round at Colo, Buddy withdrew sighting "brake failure" as the cause.

Nope! The truth is Buddy was not in contention in the NSWORC so simply put his machine on the trailer so he wouldn't impact on the State results.

How lucky SORRA is to have such a gentleman and positive roll model for the sport.

2009 AGM in February

Just a reminder the first General Meeting is on the 28th January 2009. Feel free to attend and put your nominations forward for the AGM that occurs on the 25th February 2009.

2008 Christmas Party, Presentation & Dinner

Yeah, I know it seems yet another year is coming to an end. They really do seem to come up quicker as you get older. The pricing and other details are on the 2009 Calendar / Dinner slip for the 2008 SORRA Presentation & Dinner. Could you let Ian Irons know by phone on (02) 4577-4348 or drop him an email at iirons@bigpond.net.au with numbers attending so he can finalise the catering. While I think of it, fill out your 2009 Membership Form & fix it up at the party as well.

The Mc's win the raffle.

The Stone Brothers Racing Ride Raffle was drawn at the final General meeting and won by the McIntosh family. Thanks to Matt from Performance Metals Australia for donating the prize.

Coming soon...

The newsletters photos come compliments of Chris Berry who is writing an article for Top Gear Australia Magazine and an upcoming video of Colo's NSWORC is under way by Webb Video. We will keep you posted on release dates.

The editors love contributions from you. If you have something to add to the next Newsletter then drop us a line to

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