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SA STATE HILLCLIMB CHAMPIONSHIPS – 8th SEPTEMBER 2013

Suzie Hindmarsh-Knights & Peter Knights, Kari & Chris Souter, Poppy & Dennis Hawkins braved an early morning start to enjoy a nice drive in perfect spring conditions to Collingrove to watch 5 MX-5's compete in the State Hillclimb Championship.

If you look on the Club Website you can see 42 photos taken by Peter and Chris that provide a brilliant depiction of the venue and some of the many exciting cars that made up the entry list. We were lucky to gain access to the EMAC building overlooking the start line where we enjoyed a sumptuous morning tea before trekking up the mini-mountain to get the best views of proceedings.

Robin Bostock ran in Road Registered Under 2000cc class where he made full throttle first to second gear changes which were very impressive and contributed to his smooth performance in a class dominated by a variety of quick cars including numerous clubman type sports cars. Congratulations Robin, you showed that you are an intelligent and accomplished driver. Robin had to have surgery to remove the smile that affixed his face all day.

Next up was the Road Registered Over 2001cc class which included the Reynella Mazda MX-5's of Frank Morabito & Peter Altman running turbine assisted engines. This was another class comprised of diverse machinery, most of it pretty quick for road cars! I believe that both Mazda drivers are considering applying to join our club, so well done to Peter Emes. I came very close to caging a ride in either MX-5's during the lunch time parade laps but ended up riding in a Puma Clubman sports car with an auto gear box; while discussing how effective this gear box performed I failed to notice why the driver could not operate a manual gear box.

Again congratulations to that driver who was very generous and I can attest to the fact that he could peddle that unusual technical marvel with the utmost zest. I did not want to get out but had to clear the seat for others to enjoy. Just goes to show the spirit and friendship available at these events if you make an effort to take an interest in other people.

Peter Emes ran in Production Sports Cars 1301 to 1600cc class in his immaculate NA Hardtop which won his class, good on you Peter and thanks for representing the Marque for such a long time. Inspirational!

Marque Le Maistre ran in Production Sports Cars 1601 to 3000cc class and also won his class though Marque was in need of new tyres as two seasons on specialist tyres is asking a bit much. Marque was very entertaining and is another who has competed for a number of



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years and also acts as an official at the several Come & Try Days held each year to encourage new comers to the sport. Congratulations Marque you always do the club proud.

At this point I should point out that both Peter & Marque are the record holders in their respective class, not many folk can make that claim, we should be proud of their dedication to the sport.

Andy Wortmeyer ran in Sports Cars Open 1601 to 3000cc and made the MX-5 look good so congratulations to Andy.

Not satisfied with lunch, the group retired to Collingrove House for afternoon tea. The scones, jam and real cream was delicious and the company was even better. It was difficult to draw stumps and depart for home having enjoyed a brilliant drive in the sunshine and a thoroughly delightful day all round.

Happy motoring folks.

Regards

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