

Newsletter



Volume 1. Issue 1

June 2009

WINGLESS SPRINTS W.A 2008 / 2009 SEASON TROPHY NIGHT

June 7, 2009

The inaugural Wingless Sprints W.A Trophy Night was held at East Fremantle Football Club on Saturday night, June 7. In the final postscript to a successful first season for the club, approximately 75 people enjoyed the evening and celebrated the season's winners. Special thanks must go to Gavin Migro, who did a superb job MC'ing the night, and also to special guests and their partners on the night – Con Migro, Radio Fremantle's Neville Riseley, Fab Martinelli from Ellenbrook Speedway (a wonderful supporter of our class) and Andrew Winsell from the Perth Motorplex.

The evening started with presentations to the Top 10 from the Perth Motorplex Season Pointscore, incorporating the Our Car Autos / Simon Wedd Memorial Fast Friday Series. A big thank you to season sponsors Classic Contractors, Mansells Car Carriers, Jolly Good Auto Electrics, AJC All Colour Painting Group, Nash Trucking, Walsh Logistics, Goldstar Transport and All Tools Bayswater.

continued on page 2

INSIDE THIS ISSUE

- 1 Wingless Sprints Trophy Night
- 1 Wingless Sprints AGM
- 3 SIDEBITES Column
- 4 Recent Results
- 5 SCCA Rule Change Update

WINGLESS SPRINTS W.A INC. AGM

June 8, 2009

The 2009 AGM for Wingless Sprints W.A Incorporated took place at the Speedway West office in Victoria Park on Sunday, June 8.

Both the President and Treasurer positions were mid way through a 2 year term, so Greg Migro and Berend Kaaks retained their respective positions.

Elections took place for the remaining positions on the executive and the committee, with the elected officers of the association being voted in as follows;

Vice President 1 – Des Nash

Vice President 2 – Merv Lowther

Secretary – Kate McMahon

Race Secretary – Ben Migro

Committee – Gary Walsh

Committee – Mick Dowling

Committee – Daryl Clayden

Greg read his President's Report, with Berend also presenting the 2008 / 09 Treasurer's Report.

The association has had several positive developments over the last 12 months, despite some challenges with national issues. We have become an incorporated body, seen our class grow from nothing to having 20 registered cars, and have built ourselves to a position of strength that should see us prepared for a fantastic future.

It is certainly a common theme of the committee, to be involved in building something that will be around for a long time and something to be proud of.

The Top 10 were presented as follows;

10 th	Tom Bovell	1118 points
9 th	Danny Attwood	1462 points
8 th	Kevin Clayden	1628 points
7 th	Chad Gordon	1660 points
6 th	Merv Lowther	1664 points
5 th	Ben Migro	1890 points
4 th	Darren Loxton	1909 points
3 rd	Lee Nash	1937 points
2 nd	Marshall McDiarmid	2275 points
1 st	Ryan Condren	2298 points

A wonderful season for **Ryan** in the W.A # 2 / 11 Eagle, capped off with confirmation as season champion at the Motorplex venue. The season long battle between **Condren, Marshall McDiarmid** and **Lee Nash** went right to the wire as the 3 of them dominated proceedings and pushed each other to get the Wingless Sprints circulating the Motorplex quicker as the season progressed.

Speaking of quick laps, the award for **Quickest Lap at the Motorplex** was presented, with **Lee Nash**, having completed a 17.41 second circulation on December 12. Typically, given the close nature of the Wingless Sprints racing, **McDiarmid** was 0.01 of a second away from putting his name on the trophy with a 17.42 lap on April 17!

Our season at the Motorplex also saw the first W.A State Title for Wingless Sprints, on January 3 as part of the Sprintcar Muster show. 11 drivers were acknowledged for taking the green in the state title final, with **Marshall McDiarmid** taking the chequered flag and being the first to be recognized as **State Champion** and wearing the W.A #1 for the class.

Of course, not all the racing was at the Motorplex in season 2008 / 09. The summer saw a number of trips to country venues, and trophies were presented to the winners of the country rounds as follows;

Rd 1	Mt Barker	Daryl Clayden
Rd 2	Albany	Marshall McDiarmid
Rd 3	Margaret River	Marshall McDiarmid

The Albany round on April 12 also saw recognition for another driver, though whether he wanted it or not is another matter. **Lee Nash** was awarded the **Crash of the Season** for his effort at the southern venue, with his effort (as an innocent victim) at the State Title also amongst the nominations. The high speed Motorplex claimed a few in our first season getting to grips with the venue, with **Ben Migro** and **Darren Loxton** also putting up nominations.

From bent, to best presented.....the **Best Presented**

Car & Crew trophy was awarded on the night as well. The standard of presentation in our first year has been a real plus, with several cars highlighted for their professional looks. In a division where a high level of presentation has quickly become the norm, the cars of **Ben Migro, Berend Kaaks, Glenn Sharpe** were mentioned along with some of the classes' top stars. Ultimately, the prize went to **Marshall McDiarmid**, the W.A # 1 / 22 Cool always immaculately presented.

In a new class the number of rookies eligible for **Rookie of the Year** was obviously going to be high, but the committee made the decision to award the honour to a driver with no speedway experience in order to create some integrity around the award as a genuine rookie honour. In a classic example of how someone who is well prepared and obviously talented can reach a high standard in a short period of time, **Lee Nash**, the same Lee Nash who was 3rd in the Motorplex points, was awarded the prize.

Ben Migro was awarded the prize no one wants, the **Hard Luck Award**. Ben has been amongst the most travelled in the class in our early days, unfortunately also enduring a scenic tour of the infield at every venue we called on. Add in a membership to the upside down club and it was a tough initiation to racing.

The **Most Improved Driver** award went to **Chad Gordon** who went quietly about his business and ended the season with a 6th in the State Title, and 7th in the Motorplex points. Chad improved with every drive, and consistently took the car home straight.

Tom Bovell was called up to accept the **Encouragement Award**. Bovell got the #89 Kain Car looking faster and faster as the season wore on and will no doubt be a genuine front runner in season 2009 / 10.

Finally (well not quite, but we'll get to that) a special presentation was made, that of **Club Person of the Year**. In a very fitting result, **Greg Migro** was honoured with this at the end of a first year for the club that simply wouldn't have been possible without his passion and enthusiasm for the class. Amongst the cars in the W.A club, there are a significant number of us who have Greg to thank for our involvement and getting cars on the track each week. Marshall's Motorworld yard often appears to be Wingless Sprints HQ with the comings and goings of many of our members seeking advice, having cars scrutineered or problems looked at.

A fitting close to a wonderful first season, thank you Greg for all you have done for this class.

COMING EVENTS

WINGLESS SPRINTS WINTER SERIES RD 2

ELLENBROOK SPEEDWAY

JUNE 28

\$250 prize money on the line, thanks to Merv Lowther of Our Car Autos Madington.

WINGLESS SPRINTS WINTER SERIES RD 3

ELLENBROOK SPEEDWAY

AUGUST 9

Round 3 of the Ellenbrook Winter Series also doubles as the West Coast Rewind Wingless Sprint Classic. With \$500 prize money on the line, and a 20 lap, fastest to the front feature, this is quickly becoming the crown in our winter calendar and is likely to feature some interstate visitors.

WINGLESS SPRINTS WINTER SERIES RD 4

ELLENBROOK SPEEDWAY

SEPTEMBER 27

The final hitout for the winter, and a twilight meeting at that. \$250 prize money courtesy of Des Nash, with racing starting at 3pm.



TROPHY NIGHT SIDEBITES

As previously alluded to, Greg's Club Person of the Year trophy was not quite the end of proceedings.

Once the official proceedings were complete, Greg took centre stage and gave out some special 'awards' of his own, retaining the sense of fun that has generally been the over riding spirit of this class in it's rookie year.

Up for special recognition, Trevor Jolly accepted on behalf of Allan Nash a toy kangaroo. Something about being keen on starts apparently.

Des Nash also made his way forward. The sight of Des heading towards your pit at speed can only mean one thing on race night, and it usually isn't good news. Even if Greg has already made you aware of an indiscretion, a visit from Des may still be on the way, just to make sure you know the Wingless Sprint Police are not happy with your ways. Well, Des now has a badge just so on the off chance he isn't immediately recognised, there can now be no confusion.

Merv Lowther was also on the hitlist. Merv has made a significant commitment to running the winter series, with none other than Greg as crew chief. It seems there may be one or two side bets hinging on Merv's winter efforts, and Greg made sure no stone was left unturned in Merv's ability to practice, giving him a toy steering wheel, complete with noises one hopes we never hear a Wingless Sprint make.

Last but not least, our state champion had one more date with the front of the room. Out rolled the new W.A #1, complete with Motorworld signage. Marshall's final award for the night came in the form of the Motorworld lawnmower, in honour of Marshall's occasional return to his solo riding roots and love of the ermmm, let's call it pole line.

CLUB CHAMPION – RYAN CONDREN

There can only ever be one first time winner, and so history was made when the Wingless Sprints W.A awarded their first ever CLUB CHAMPION trophy. After a season in which he won the Perth Motorplex championship, finished 2nd in the State Title, finished 2nd at Albany and raced all year clean and hard, it was fitting that Ryan Condren was announced as our first ever Club Champion, taking the jewel in the crown at the June 7 Trophy Night.

Congratulations Ryan, you have set a very high standard in our first full season of competition, and given everyone something to aspire to as we head towards the 2009 / 10 season.



RECENT RESULTS

WINGLESS SPRINTS WINTER SERIES RD 1

ELLENBROOK SPEEDWAY

HEAT 1

1ST NORM MOYLAN
2ND TREVOR JOLLY
3RD LIAM DOWLING

HEAT 2

1ST ALLAN NASH
2ND TREVOR JOLLY
3RD DARYL CLAYDEN

HEAT 3

1ST DARYL CLAYDEN
2ND ALLAN NASH
3RD LIAM DOWLING

SEASON POINTS AFTER ROUND 1 OF 4

1	ALLAN NASH	87
2	TREVOR JOLLY	72
3	LIAM DOWLING	67
4	DARYL CLAYDEN	65
5	PHIL MOYLAN	52
6	KEVIN CLAYDEN	38
7	MERV LOWTHER	35
8	DANIEL SALTER	19
9	MICHELLE SHARPE	14
10	GLENN SHARPE	6

2009 / 10 MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Good news for all our existing members is that 2009 / 10 Membership Forms are soon to be emailed to you all, with membership falling due on July 1st. The new form is simply an electronic version of our existing form, and will allow you to fill in, email to our treasurer at berend@berendkaaks.com and pay online.

For those amongst us that believe computers make good paperweights, there is absolutely still the option of completing a manual form and mailing in with a cheque.

Number Reserve is only required if you have yet to register a car and would like to hold a currently vacant number until you do.

SCCA 2009 / 10 RULE CHANGES

The 2009 / 10 SCCA rule changes approved by delegates at last month's conference have been released, and can be found by following this link www.sprintcarsaustralia.com

The drop down box under Information reveals a link for 'Rule Book', which will lead you to the document containing a full list of the applicable changes.

These changes are of great importance to our drivers, as they contain Supplementary Rules for Australian Wingless Sprint Racing.

TROPHY NIGHT STILLS



Rookie of the Year – Lee Nash



2008 / 09 State Champion – Marshall McDiarmid

DRIVER PROFILE

BEREND KAAKS

AGE:	36
LIVES:	BURSWOOD
CHASSIS:	CHEETAH
SPONSORS:	DRIVING FORCE FITNESS EMPIRE GRAPHICS
NUMBER:	95
NICKNAME:	BK
OCCUPATION:	RETAIL STATE MANAGER P/T PERSONAL TRAINER
FAVOURITE TRACK:	PERTH MOTORPLEX
YEARS RACING:	WINGLESS SPRINTS – 0 STREET STOCKS – 2
RACING HIGHLIGHTS:	FIRST RACE WIN 3 RD MOTORPLEX POINTSCORE
RACING LOWLIGHTS:	FIRST ROLLOVER
OTHER INTERESTS:	BODYBUILDING FOOTBALL

"AIM IS TO ENJOY RACING, LEARN FROM THOSE WHO KNOW MORE THAN ME (AND THERE ARE MANY) AND TRY TO IMPROVE EACH TIME I ROLL THE CAR OFF THE TRAILER"

"WHY DO I DO THE TREASURERS' JOB? WITHOUT THE HELP OF MANY OF OUR MEMBERS (AND PARTICULARLY THE LIKES OF GREG, MARSHALL AND ADRIAN LAMACCHIA WHO I CAN JUST NEVER THANK ENOUGH), GUYS LIKE ME DON'T GET TO LIVE A DREAM AND GO RACING. ANYTHING I CAN DO TO GIVE BACK TO THE SPORT I AM HAPPY TO DO"

