

Response to the Vintage Sporting Car Club of WA's position paper on the CAMS WA Speed Event Series dated the 5th October.

I note with disappointment both the tone & content of the VSCCWA position paper. For many years Speed Event Series participants have made up a large proportion of entries to VSCC hosted events. In recent years however caps on entry numbers, concerns with the adequacy of event organisation and timing issues have combined to make the Albany hill climbs less attractive to entrants and organisers of the Speed Event Series. As such it is our intent to make alternate arrangements for the future.

The VSCC have cited a lack of respect for and rudeness to their organiser and officials. This accusation is strongly refuted.

The Speed Event Series is not a State Title Series. It does not purport to be, nor is it, an "Elite Competition." It does, however, hold an important place in the hierarchy of Western Australian motor sport and is unique in offering competition over such a wide range of venues. Without it the gulf between local club events and higher level competition would be even greater - to the detriment of both. The Speed Event Series is committed to bringing new people into the sport and fostering their development through to higher levels.

The VSCC position appears to be that the calendar of the Speed Event Series in some way poses a threat to clubs in WA. The SES calendar has been set to thirteen rounds for three years now, not fifteen as stated in the paper. The VSCC appears to be alone in regarding solid entry lists with the attendant fees they bring as being a "...squeeze (on) available resources and personnel to a point where clubs find it difficult to mount a fiscally (sic) viable event."

It should be noted that the licensing requirements for SES competitors are such that every one of them is a member of a car club and that series organisers and competitors are active in arranging and assisting the smooth running of events. Last year 951 entries from 329 individuals were received over thirteen rounds. As a CAMS series we must do what is best for our host clubs and people who have a genuine desire to keep our Speed Event Series the best in Australia.

In finishing I would again like to thank the VSCC for their participation over many years and to wish them well.

Regards

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