

Sydney Swapmeet Report from Sunday 5th March 2023



With seller tables sold out for a number of weeks and totalling 38, the Sydney swapmeet day began with anticipation of a near record number of sellers and hopefully cars for sale and then buyers as doors opened at 10am.

The planning had been easier than ever because we had no specific requirements like prior two years, a huge 270 person capacity and each year we refine planning to be the best of prior years.

Getting enough volunteers is always a risk but thankfully we had that despite missing a couple of people who if not working, would have slotted into their role have done before.

Arriving at the hall at 7am started the process of filling it with slot cars and then people.

Pete had done a stellar job with all the seller bookings, we had 5 new sellers this year amongst the 25 or so sellers which is a good sign for the future.

Rod had organised all the member lists and member cards and had his PA announcer skills tuned ready to go.

Rodney, Johnny and Roland perform the front of house duties and are an amazing team managing everything that happens before people enter the hall. Includes issuing member cards, event flyers and managing the queue before taking entrance fees from non-members. Finally, they are always great with thanking attendees for supporting the event when leaving and asking for their post code and did they have a good time.

Our aim for sellers to be setup and selling to each other by 9.15am was mainly achieved. We had one hiccup with a large seller whose arrival was delayed but still worked out okay with good help from Club volunteers.

When realise this involved about 25 sellers assembling about 2,000 slot cars on 38 trestle tables it is a great effort. This is the most cars we have ever had in the hall and a small amount are shown in the photos.

People arriving before open was a late rush this year, at 9.40am a smaller queue than usual but then with 10 minutes to open the queue was building to a good number for which we were very thankful!

When people entered the hall there was much to chose from. Lots of Scalextric but also other brands in majority. One or two other brands were less common this year which is just the luck of a swapmeet and maybe was not helped by so many cars in the hall!

Regarding the attendance it wasn't quite as strong in Members as we hoped and below the level seen in the last few years. Thankfully there was an equal record non-Member attendance but hopefully Member ability to attend the Sydney Member Auction in August is an improvement. Thanks to Members who did attend!

Below are two trestles amongst the many with one seller using a colour sticker system to price everything at select price points.



There was plenty of buying and even some swapping with buyers attending with surplus 6 to 8 cars they wanted to change for something different. A few of the Committee Members purchases are shown below reflecting the diverse vintage of cars available and their personal like for Scalextric!



It was a top day for the Club in many ways. Financially as a fundraiser, the attendance of non-Members helping increase awareness of the Club, the number of cars available in the hall and finally the number sold. There were many smiling faces of those attended and thanks for making it a great day! Cheers Dominic, Peter & Committee