

## The Period 3 Sidecar Challenge

The P3SC is now in its 5<sup>th</sup> year and has been a remarkable success. Run over 3 rounds throughout the year it has a point scoring system that enables anyone wishing to enter to have an acceptable chance of a podium finish. The opening round has been held at Stanthorpe, Townsville and Lakeside while the remaining 2 rounds have found a home at Broadford (The Southern Classic) and at Mac Park (The South Australian Titles).

This year the opening round returns to Carnell Raceway (Stanthorpe) which has proven to be an enjoyable event for everyone.

Period 3 Sidecars are a crowd favourite with the close encounters of the sliding kind providing excitement for spectators and racers alike.

No two sidecars are alike, they are all “one off” specials and they employ a wide range of “BEARS” engines. Nortons, Triumphs, BSA's and even Harley's are used as motivation.

All sidecars are handled by a team, a rider and passenger working in concert to keep the whole plot together. Most have either small, “nose cone” fairings or no fairing at all so spectators can see the pilots and “monkey's” scrambling all over the machine in an effort to get around a corner as fast as possible.

If your going to see only one race this year, my advice would be to watch the P3 Sidecars. Nothing else comes close. Gene Lopeman