

COBRA CLUB OUTING

SHED RUN TO DAVES MANCAVE in BANJUP.

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Well, the weather guru's on the TV were telling us that the clouds were going to come over on the day, but only a small chance of rain.

On the day, it was proved they were on the ball, with only the odd heavy looking cloud, so some of the members took the decision to test themselves against the odds, and take the Cobra out of the covers for a run.

A few others who were not so brave, (me included) took the easy way out and used the tintop instead.

The GPS took me almost to the right gate, but when you got there, you could not get it wrong. Dave had adorned his gateway with Racing type flags/tape so we knew we had the right one.



Down the long winding driveway and parked up alongside the "ManCave".

What a beautiful property, and the ManCave, wow, about half the size of my entire house.!!!

Dave's Cobra has pride of place at one end of the ManCave, sitting prominently on its twin post hoist, surrounded by the mandatory racing memorabilia and flags, tools etc.

However, the centrepiece of the ManCave is the world-class slotcar racing setup.



This consists of a 4 lane track, all colour coded to the cars, of which there is a selection of body styles to choose from.

The whole thing is electronic, with lap times from track sensors, scanned into a computer and onto a TV, so there is absolutely no argument as to who is ahead at any stage.

Wow, can these little cars move out. They cover the main straight in a split second, and corner like they are on rails, (which they are), when driven by someone who knows what they are doing.



Dave explained some of the finer details of getting the little cars to perform and handle the way they do, and the different styles of torque that can be

induced for different performance, just by making the chassis differently.





A lot more involved than it looks, to get the difference of a split second per lap, to get a winning car.

Everyone had a good look around at all the toys, and most of us had a go at running the cars, but no sheep stations were on offer at this stage, so it was all just fun practice runs.

Then the BBQ was fired up, and the drinks, snags, buns and onions came out, and a bowl full of yummy muffins was for sweets.

So we all stood around as you do, food in one hand, drink in the other, chatting about all things cars etc.



There was plenty to talk about, because Dave has all the toys, including, but not limited to, his Cobra, slotcars, racing go-karts, model aircraft, home gym, and I am sure there is other things that I missed.

Oh, and his wife has her whipper snipper, and ride-on lawnmower. !!!!





Unfortunately, I had to leave just as the serious business of slotcar racing was to commence, so I cant give any details of what transpired with that, but I am sure the participants and spectators had a ball, chasing the mandatory sheep stations that may or may not have been on offer.

As usual, a great day, good food and good company, but sadly missed by many club members.

Maybe next time.

Seeya out there
sometime, maybe.

Graham Ullock...

