

CHAPTER 12

Catalina Racing Circuit

The Circuit was built by the Blue Mountains Sporting Drivers Club

Some members were

Hec Muir and his brother

Jack Muir who operated the Mobil Garage in Main Street, now obliterated by highway widening.

Bert Pattison who operated a dry cleaning business in Waratah Street, that building is still a dry cleaners.

Harry Hammon who operated the Scenic Railway and Western District Transport.

“Chookie” Clark who operated the Ampol service station on the corner of Bent Street and Albion St. Katoomba now obliterated by highway widening.

Bluey Ryan who drove the Council Grader and did most of the earthmoving to build the circuit.

Stan Jefferies, insurance salesman who also operated a toy store and sporting goods shop at the bottom of Katoomba Street. Harry always said that Stan was a “non driving member” or just a drinking member!

Mac Macarthur, owned an electrical retailing business in Katoomba Street

Rick Inman and his father Jack Inman Railway Garage Leura

Ian Thomson Thomson’s Panel Works.

Alf Watts. Owned a Tiger Moth which he flew out of Medlow Bath Airstrip, owned the pub at Wentworth Falls and drove buses.

Harry supplied lengths of second hand 7/8” dia. 6/7 wire rope from the Scenic Railway to construct the fence up the western boundary, which fortuitously followed the still, at the time, relatively cleared path of the Tramway referred to in this book. In 2009 it is very difficult to follow the route because of regrowth, especially of Ti Tree.

A few photos from 2009 of the rope lying on the ground and wrapped around a huge tree stump. The rails used for fence posts are 10 kg/metre same as used on the Scenic Railway. The extension bars on the top of the posts are fishplates used for joining rails together. They have been welded to the rails. These were for two rows of barbed wire on the top of the chainwire fence..







