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Presidents Report.

On the 5th May Mathew Stratford showed that he is a force in this years club championship, by taking overall honors, he is the first junior in many years to do this and to be able to do it in a front wheel drive car is a credit to his driving ability. Well Done Mathew.

I would like to pass on my and the I think everybody's thanks to all that put in and helped out at the first twilight event of 2007, it was good to see some new faces helping out, this made it things a lot easier for all to enjoy themselves. More work is still needed in this area thou, it is hoped that a rewards scheme will be set up to recognize the efforts of individuals, that regularly help out at the track.

Well the heavens have opened up and we now have water in our dams. This will enable the maintenance crew to maintain the track and possibly develop new areas around the complex to run khanacross test.

With the 2007 AGM to be held along with the August General Meeting, I ask members to consider nominating for the committee.

If you've been racing away from Bagshot, could you let me know so that we can let others know how you have got on.

Supp Regs for the June 3rd event are available. The event now goes back to the traditional Khanacross/motorkhana event; hope to see you at the track.

Yours in Motorsport.

Craig Button

President Bendigo Car Club

Upcoming events to remember

3 rd June	Khanacross/ Motorkhana	Bagshot
7 th July	Khanacross/ Motorkhana	Bagshot
14 th July	HRA Rally sprint	Bagshot
27 th & 28 th July	Round 3 VORC	Bagshot

JUNE GENERAL MEETING

At the June General meeting there will be a couple of things of interest. There will be a salesman from the Melbourne Toolman; he will have a range of tools for sale after the meeting.

There will be a raffle of a flight, worth around \$100, around the Bendigo area for approximately 1 hour.

Scott Innes has given the club copies of the New Zealand Race to the Sky from 2005 and 2006, these will be shown during the night.

EVENT REPORT

Round 3 Bendigo Car Club Championships: 5th May 2007

At the first twilight event for the year Mathew Stratford showed that you don't need 4WD or a turbo to win. The 17 year old set quick times all night, there were others who matched or bettered his times but Mathew was consistent enough to take the overall honors ahead of Barry Farnell and John Hardiman.

With over drivers competing in the event there was plenty of time for all to watch others have a run. Class A was taken out by Sean Hudgson who was 4th outright ahead of Class B winner John Strauch in 5th.

Other juniors in the placings included Paul Wells and Craig Thomas in 16th and 17th outright. The ladies battle came down to a shoot out between mother and daughter Karyn and Melissa Mackenzie, with Karyn taking the honors by .5 sec over Melissa and Amy Seyfort another 2 seconds further back.

The night section had its hazards for the less experienced competitors who "forgot" where the course went; at times the test area looked like a search light was being used as drivers tried to find their way back to the test area.

WHAT ARE OUR MEMBERS UP TO

Many of the Bendigo Car Club members regularly compete in events away from our own events. If you hear of a members that has done well or not so well let us know so that we can pass it on to everybody in club.

At the Victorian Rally Championship event at Bairnsdale on the 5th May, Warren Lee and David Lethlean in their Mitsubishi Evo took out 7th outright and Kirk Marks and Sarah Lucas took out a class win in N4 and 14th outright.

Jeremy and Ken Holt took their Raptor Buggy to round 1 of the Mallee Shield on the 21st April at Mellool and achieved a top 5 finish and class win in Super 1650.

Tony Skinner competed at the recent round of the Victorian Motor Race Series with mixed results after qualifying in 2nd position less than .01 sec behind pole. The first race was close with Tony winning after the lead had changed several times. In the second race while leading a vibration developed, this was found to be caused by Tony not playing with his nuts enough (wheel nuts that is). Starting from the back of the grid (28th) in the 3rd race he managed to make his way up to 3rd before he ran out of laps to go any further. In the 4th race he got swamped of the line dropping back to 7th or 8th but worked his way up to 2nd before the vibrations came back, he nursed the car home in second. This gave him an overall 2nd place for the round. This was after the round win at Winton. He now heads to Phillip island on the June long weekend

Several teams now are preparing for the Bega VRC event and the Mallee Rally VORC both on the Queens Birthday weekend

There are other who are competing in Victorian State series or championships, a couple of them that I am aware of are Lindsay and Murray Kellar, VCAS. Brian Shanahan, Victorian and Australian Motorkhana Championship. Greg Harris, Australian Off Road Champion in his Raptor buggy that he has designed and build.

I'm sure that there are more who compete away, so if you are one of them and I have missed you please let me know so that you can be recognized.

CLUB MERCHANDISE

T Shirts \$23, Windcheaters \$30 and Baseball style caps \$15 are still available. Also, limited numbers of cloth patches with the club logo are available for \$10ea. Those interested should contact John Hardiman. Otherwise there will be some available at General Meetings and the Canteen on race days.

WEB SITE

The administrator of the web site needs your input with information. Send any items of interest to enquires@bendigocarclub.com.au what ever they may be: photos, links to other sites, reports on events that you have been to or things that you would like to advertise for sale or buy.

A few things to remember.

1. If you are choking on an ice cube, don't panic . . . Simply pour a cup of boiling water down your throat and presto. The blockage will be almost instantly removed.
2. Clumsy? Avoid cutting yourself while slicing vegetables by getting someone else to hold them while you chop away.
3. Avoid arguments with the Mrs. about lifting the toilet seat by simply using the sink.
4. For high blood pressure sufferers: simply cut yourself and bleed for a few minutes, thus reducing the pressure in your veins. Remember to use a timer.
5. A mouse trap, placed on top of your alarm clock, will prevent you from rolling over and going back to sleep after you hit the snooze button.
6. If you have a bad cough, take a large dose of laxatives, then you will be afraid to cough.
7. Have a bad toothache? Smash your thumb with a hammer and you will forget about the toothache.

Sometimes, we just need to remember what the rules of life really are:

- You only need two tools: WD-40 and Duct Tape.
- If it doesn't move and should, use the WD-40.
- If it shouldn't move and does, use the duct tape.

Remember:

- Everyone seems normal until you get to know them.
- Never pass up an opportunity to go to the bathroom.
- If you woke up breathing, congratulations! You get another chance.
- And finally, be really nice to your family and friends; you never know when you might need them to empty your bedpan.

Mathew Stratford in action.



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