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Presidents Report.

On the 7th August CAMS came to us in the form of the State Council meeting at the club's Maiden Gully clubrooms. Every year CAMS tries to conduct one in regional areas and this year it was our turn. At the meeting representatives from many clubs as well as CAMS staff including the new CEO Graham Fountain were in attendance. We were recognized for our large numbers of participants at our club days as well as the high percentage of junior competitors within the club.

The growth of our club days has mirrored the growth in the events over the last few years. It wasn't long ago a good club day had 12 competitors now we are regularly attracting over 60 and last month there was 78. There are many things that have brought this growth on but many of us believe that as well as the good positive publicity one of the biggest things is that the club is made up of motorsport enthusiasts and the activities are organized by people who want enjoy their day as much as anybody else does and because of this events are normally enjoyable for all and if anybody has a suggestion these are almost always taken on board.

So to all involved, keep up the good work.

Yours in Motorsport.

Craig Button

President Bendigo Car Club

Upcoming events to remember

8th September	VMC Round 9, Rd 7 BCC Champ	Huntly
6th October	Khanacross- Saturday evening	Bagshot
21st October	Mt Tarrengower Hill Climb	Maldon

EVENT REPORT

Round 6 Bendigo Car Club Championships: 5th August 2007

A total of 78 drivers attended the August round of the Bendigo Car Club championship with 40 tackling the motorkhana and 63 in the khanacross. Competitors were greeted with near perfect weather and competition surfaces. Two khanacross test areas were used with a total of 8 runs completed, the motorkhana also gave competitors 8 runs using the CAMS motorkhana hand book for its tests.

In the motorkhana Tony Moore driving the Hyundai for the second time, easily took outright honors but the challenge for the rest was tight. Craig Thomas (yellow Gemini) was second outright and best placed junior 14 seconds behind Tony. Jimmy Gill (Stanza) was third 0.5 seconds further back. The rest of the junior place getters were Luke Farrar in 4th with Corey Talbot in 5th. In the ladies Catlyn Monigatti showed that getting the tests correct is the main part of motorkhana. Catlyn (Bluebird) took out the ladies section and 18th outright, by 4 seconds over her nearest rival Nikki Moore (Hyundai).

The khanacross showed that many of our members are taking these events seriously with 4 of the top 5 drivers in Class C 4WD Turbo machines and the other being Mathew Stratford in his GTi Swift. The battle was on from the very first run with only just over a second separating the top 4 drivers, Kirk Marks (WRX) leading the pack. This trend continued with John Hardiman (RX Subaru), Craig Hardiman (WRX), Murray Mackenzie (TX3 Laser) and Mathew Stratford all setting fastest runs.

Craig Hardiman, in the WRX for only the second time, took his first ever outright win at a Bendigo Car Club championship event. Murray Mackenzie driving the TX3 for the first time pushed a little too hard taking 2 penalties on the way finishing in 2nd outright, John Hardiman pushed all day to finish 3rd ahead of Mathew Stratford. Kirk Marks was heading for an easy win until the last run of the day when he took a wrong direction around a witch's hat relegating him to 5th.

Mathew Stratford again was the leading junior with Andrew Daniell in 2nd and Lewis Penhall in 3rd, Steven Mackenzie (TR3) was heading for a top finish outright until a misjudgment in the braking area to a corner sending him off the track sending him back to 51st.

The ladies Karyn Mackenzie slowly came to terms with the TX3 finishing 13th outright and 1st lady. Renee Larter finished 2nd ahead of Nikki Moore in 3rd.

Round 3 Victorian Off Road Championship Bagshot 29th July 2007

A small but quality field took on the elements as well as the Bagshot course at the 3rd round of the VORC. The track started out in near perfect conditions, but just as the first vehicle started the persistent drizzle started, this caused the track to get slipperier as the day went on, 9 of the 13 starters finished. Jamie and Tristen Irving took the win ahead of Rhett and Rod Smith and Jason and Maree Telford. Of the Bendigo Car Club members Ken and Jeremy Holt were heading to a good result when visibility became a problem, then had a coming together with a back marker before finishing in 4th outright. Craig Button and David Anderson circulated without dramas for 5th. Paul Volta and Trevor Larson finished the day last after having to replace a suspension bolt that broke.

The 4th and final round will be at Mildura on the 8th & 9th September in conjunction with the Sunraysia 500 AORC round.

Something to celebrate

This coming December will mark the 25th Anniversary of the purchase of the Bagshot Motorsports Complex and to mark the occasion, there will be a social evening at the Maiden Gully clubrooms on Saturday, 8th December, for all past and present members. Further details will be made available soon.

Victorian Motorkhana Championship

Brian Shanahan and Luke Farrar competed at the Decca round of the VMC with both doing well in their respective classes, on a wet test area after a large shower of rain overnight.

The Bendigo Car Club's next event is the 9th round of the Victorian Motorkhana Championship and the 7th round of the Bendigo Car Club Championship, at the Huntly Salesyard. The format of the event will consist of 3 test areas, there will be 2 reversing tests but Brian Shanahan ensures that they are both easy ones. Entries are limited to 90 so to ensure your spot on the entry list you'd better get your entry in early.

Members are also asked, if they are not competing on the day, to help out as those who are competing will not be able to help as they do at the Bagshot rounds of the club championship.

CCC VCAS round at Bagshot

Saturday the 25th August many of our members competed in the CCC's round of the VCAS at Bagshot. Results weren't available at the time this newsletter went to press so they should be included in the next newsletter.

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.

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MAINTENANCE REPORT

The next time members attend Bagshot, they will see something has grown near the pit area. The new toilet block slab was poured the weekend after the last event and as I write this the brickie is laying the bricks around the walls.

Should children witness childbirth?

Due to a power outage, only one paramedic responded to the call. The house was very dark so the paramedic asked Kathleen, a 3-yr old girl to hold a flashlight high over her mommy so he could see while he helped deliver the baby. Very diligently, Kathleen did as she was asked. Heidi pushed and pushed and after a little while, Connor was born. The paramedic lifted him by his little feet and spanked him on his bottom. Connor began to cry. The paramedic then thanked Kathleen for her help and asked the wide-eyed 3-yr old what she thought about what she had just witnessed. Kathleen quickly responded, "He shouldn't have crawled in there in the first place.....smack him again!"

Bosses

If you've ever worked for a boss that reacts before getting the facts and thinking things through, you will love this! A large company, feeling it was time for a shakeup, hired a new CEO. The new boss was determined to rid the company of all slackers. On a tour of the facilities, the CEO noticed a guy leaning on a wall. The room was full of workers and he wanted to let them know that he meant business. He walked up to the guy leaning against the wall and asked, "How much money do you make a week?" A little surprised, the young man looked at him and replied, "I make \$400 a week. Why?" The CEO then handed the guy \$1,600 in cash and screamed, "Here's four weeks' pay, now GET OUT and don't come back." Feeling pretty good about himself, the CEO looked around the room and asked, "Does anyone want to tell me what that goof-ball did here?" From across the room came a voice, "Pizza delivery guy from Domino's."

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