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General Meeting to be held on the 6th November from 8pm

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Presidents Report.

October seemed like a very long month with lots happening. Firstly it was pleasing to see such a strong turn out by our membership at DECA for Shepparton's sprint. Then with the last weekend of the month the club spread itself thin with the Mt Tarrengower Hill Climb, the Bendigo Show display and a strong representation at an Off Road event near Shepparton.

Congratulations to all participated in these activities promoting our strong club. November is set to be another busy month with the club championship round at Bagshot on the 9th then the following weekend it is the off roaders turn with the final round of the Mallee Shield.

Then to finish the month of something a little bit different with a bus trip down to the PWR V8 Supercar team garage on the 29th.

Over the last month the committee has discussed the 2009 events calendar. Please consider it as it is you the members that have to participate in these events to make it work and your feed back needs to be back to the committee by the 19th November so that it can be finalized.

**Yours in Motorsport,
Craig Button
President Bendigo Car Club**

MEMBER PROFILE

Name: *Craig Button (President)*

Marital status/ family: *Married with Kids Wife- Deb and two great boys- Adam and Brock*

Occupation: *Maintenance Fitter at Thales (ADI)*

Interests outside motorsport: *Is there such a thing? Family and Garden.*

How long have you been competing or member of the club? *Competing in motorsport for 20 years club member for 7 years*

Competition vehicle: *2WD Extreme Off Road Desert Truck*

What was your first event? *A Go-kart event at Swan Hill*

What is your highest motorsport achievement? *3 time Victorian Off Road Class 4 Champion*

What is you most memorable moment in motorsport?

Competing in a Australian Off Road Championship round in Springfield QLD in the Scott Hart EB Falcon

What would you like to do in the future? *Spend as much time with my family, while still being involved in motorsport*

Who is you idol: *Peter Brock*

What would be your ultimate competition vehicle? *An American Trophy Truck*

Your most embarrassing motorsport moment? *Being beaten off the line in my V8 Torana at the Sealake Mallee Rally by a Volvo, yes it is all on video.*

What three things would you like to have with you if were marooned on Phillip Island *Thermal underwear; Any form of racecar with an unlimited fuel tank and My Family*

Event Reports

DECA Sprint 5th October.

This was the first away event for the BCC championship in a long time and with 26 out of 42 entries from our club it has shown that our members want to try something different. Tony Morley was the best placed BCC member in 5th outright in his WRX Subaru, Mick Elvey in 7th outright in the blue Toyota Corolla showed that you don't need to have 4WD or turbo to go fast and have fun. Craig Hardiman was the 3rd BCC member in 8th outright. Craig Thomas was the best placed BCC junior, with Harley Gill having first drive on a tarmac track in second. Renee Larter's day started badly with a lubrication problem (there was oil all over the track from her engine) in the Innes Honda Civic, but Andrew Howell offered her a drive in his Civic, this allowed her to take the ladies trophy ahead of Tanya Pickering in a WRX Subaru. A big thanks must go to SDCC for a well run event and Nick Boswood needs to be thanked as well, he acted as a car controller/starter all day, Well done Nick.

Mt Tarrengower Hill Climb 25th and 26th October

Mount Tarrengower has once again been run and won for 2008 and despite a few hiccups I think it was a great success. A steady crowd visited all day so hopefully we will receive a good payout for our share of the event. The car side of the event was taken out by Daryl Duff in the Chevy Camaro. The flying AMX had a bad weekend as ray found it hard to cope with the "chicane". Our club members all acquitted themselves very well in the conditions and generally lowered their times over the weekend. Craig Hardiman proved a good teacher on the weekend as he certainly educated the "old car guy's" in the homologation details of early datsuns and yes Craig I think they now know the significance of your number.

Roger demonstrated the finer details of setting your alarm and I am sure he can give you a few tips on how to do it; at least it helped you to go quicker over the event roger. Peter Daniels in his newly acquired 1600 had a good event and also did double duty as a grid marshal. Peter compared it to herding sheep and certainly had plenty of patience.

To the thank you's. An event of this size takes a considerable amount of organization and more of it seems to be falling to a smaller band of volunteers. Most of these from our club.

If I was to personally thank each volunteer I am bound to forget some one so to every member who assisted over the weekend no matter what capacity I sincerely thank you for your time and assistance in making the event the success it was, without you guys we could not run. One person that I must thank is Chris Hume. Chris worked tirelessly throughout the weekend organising officials, keeping an eye on proceedings and feeding the masses (sounds a bit like Jesus!) Made my job easy.

Finally next time you spot Ian the flaggie ask him about his exercise regime, he has lost 5 kilos, something to do with witches' hats. Oh, a nice interview on the box Kevin, may have a future in entertainment as a TV chef.

Peter Valentine.

Off Road Grinters Pit 26th October

28 crews entered the VORRA round of the Mallee Shield, five of them from the BCC, traveled to Grinters Pit near Shepparton for round 7 of the Mallee Shield. In very hot conditions Jeremy Holt, driving dad's Raptor buggy, with Ken Navigating was 3rd outright and 2nd in class. Craig Button and David Anderson also took 2nd in class in their 2WD Extreme Ute, Michael Sagers not to be out done, despite dropping a lap with steering failure, took second in Sportsman/Clubman class. David Larson and Natasha Gill-Symons finished the event but finished down the order after stopping to check a steering noise. Jim and Mathew Coombs only completed 3 laps before breaking a rear suspension arm and finishing their day. Natasha and Mathew were competing in their first off road event and they both are looking forward to Bagshot on the 16th November.

Bendigo Car Club Junior Cars

The BCC junior cars are free to use for any BCC junior at any of the club's events. Some conditions do apply for the use of these, including that a senior must be in the car with any junior. If a junior would like to use the car at an event that doesn't allow passengers they can apply to the committee for approval of use at least 3 weeks before the said event. One condition that hasn't been followed of late is that those that use the car must make sure the car is cleaned for use at the next event, this includes empty cans and food wrappers inside.

CLUB MERCHANDISE

T Shirts	\$23,
Windcheaters	\$30
Baseball style caps	\$15
Club Logo Cloth patches	\$10 (Limited)

Those interested should contact **John Hardiman**.

Otherwise there will be some available at General Meetings and the Canteen on race days.

WEB SITE

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If you or anybody that has participated in an activity that may be of interest to others, please pass it on to me at enquiries@bendigocarclub.com.au

November:

9th	BCC Club Championship
16 th	Rd 8 Mallee Shield
29 th	PWR V8 Supercar Tour

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