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BENDIGO CAR CLUB

P.O. Box 361, Bendigo. 3552

May 2010

Up coming events

6 th May	General Meeting	Maiden Gully
8 th May	Twilight Autocross (Saturday) (VCAS)	Bagshot
6 th June	Khanacross/Motorkhana	Bagshot
12 th June	Centre State Mopars	Huntly

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Presidents Report.

On the 16th November 1950 a group of about 20 motoring enthusiasts held a meeting at the Shamrock Hotel in Bendigo. This meeting was the inaugural of what was to become the Bendigo Car Club. To celebrate the occasion we will be holding a special night in November, the exact date, format etc is yet to be decided on and if anybody has any ideas on how to mark such an outstanding achievement the committee would like to know.

Back to the present! Easter was another success with 60 competitors and several members displaying their cars at the Sales Yard then on Monday Craig Hardiman organized a group of members and their cars representing the past, present and future for the Easter Gala Parade. Thank you to the members who volunteered their time.

It was confirmed during April that the Bendigo Car Club will be the host club for the Australian Motorkhana Championship in October. This is no free gift to the club because we have demonstrated that the Sales Yards is an ideal venue for such an event. Brian Shanahan has also lobbied the Motorkhana Panel on our behalf. More details will be available in the coming months.

A new autocross series has been formed and the Bendigo Car Club is part of it. It will be called the Central Victorian Autocross Challenge and will involve 4 clubs, Geelong Motor Sports Club, Kyneton Car Club, Ballarat Light Car Club and Bendigo Car Club. More details below.

The committee has identified a requirement for the club to be more involved in community activities to raise our profile and try and break public perception of "You pack of HOONS" that organized car clubs have unfortunately been labeled with. If you are interested in promoting the club in a positive light in the community please contact one of the committee members so we can get a group together for this. A team already has been registered in next year's "Walk for Life" just to kick us off.

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

Event Reports Sales Yard dash

Easter Saturday once again saw the running of the annual Saleyards Dash motorkhana. Nearly 60 competitors battled for the title in front of approximately 4,000 spectators. 9 different tests were prepared for the competitors and each would test their driving accuracy and stretch their levels of concentration to memorise the various layouts during the day.

The first test saw one of the favourites, Jimmy Gill misjudge his breaking distance and cop a 5 second penalty making it tough to claw his way back during the day. This opened the door for his son Harley to step up and try for the outright win. In the local battle for the club championship Craig Hardiman and Harley Gill set fastest times on the first two tests before Craig took the third test by a second to sit clear at the top of the sheets. Harley clawed back time on the fourth test and relative new comer Andrew McKenzie, who had been lurking near the top of the time sheets, took second to move into a solid third place after the first four tests. On the fifth test Craig went the wrong side of a flag and received a 20 second penalty while Andrew took the fastest time to move within .06 of a second of Harley at the top. That was as close as it got as Andrew dropped nearly 2 seconds in the next run and then hit a flag in the following run to leave Harley with an unassailable lead and on his way to a well deserved win, which was his first in the club championship. Harley was followed by Darren Cogan in second in a borrowed specially built motorkhana car.

In the melee below, Harley's mum Tammy set consistent times all day to finish third outright, second in the club championship and first in the Ladies class. Andrew McKenzie who fought back from his earlier flag penalty to take forth outright and third in the club championship. In other action, John Strauch and Junior Corey Talbot put on some impressive displays of car control to keep the crowd and other competitors entertained while still posting competitive times. A special mention must also go to 13 year old Kian Heagney who was competing in only his second event and his first time in a manual car, to set the 8th fastest outright time on the 6th test; well done Kian!

BCC Championship Eligibility

To be eligible for the 2010 Bendigo Car Club Championship members must nominate and officiate at least one of the non BCC championship events. This nomination can be changed at anytime during the year. If an event is over subscribed with official's preference will be a first in first served basis. Below is a list of events which this regulation applies to.

12 th June	Centre State Mopars Salesyard Motorkhana
18 th July	Ladies day
21 st & 22 nd August	Victorian Off Road Championship
18 th September	Victorian Motorkhana Championship Rd
16 th & 17 th October	Mt Tarrengower Hill Climb
22 nd & 23 rd October	Australian Motorkhana Championship
14 th November	Off Road Mallee Shield

Nominated Officials for the next two events

12 th June	Centre State Mopars	Gary Doherty More people needed
18 th July	Ladies day	John Strauch Harley Gill Mick Elvey More people needed

There are several people that have nominated these events as there second preference and if the desired numbers are not achieved they may be contacted to assist.

Off road report

During April Bendigo Car Club members travelled to 2 off road events. The first one was the round 1 of the Victorian Off Road Championship at Donald, 3 crews started and 3 finished the 540km event, which is commendable to the crews concerned. David Larson and Lucy Young (competing in her first off road event) were heading for a possible podium position before having a minor off track resulting in two flat tyres. They eventually finished in 6th outright and second in class. Craig Button and David Anderson continued their reliable run having no problems and finishing in 10th outright. Paul Volta and Matt Coombs suffered niggling problems all weekend but eventually overcoming them to finish 14th outright.

The second event was round 1 of the Mallee Shield at Mellool, the club was represented by 4 crews and once again all crews finished the 10 laps. Michael and Jamie Saggars having the first drive in their recently acquired Sportsman buggy took the class win and 15th outright after completing over one lap with a damaged front suspension. Graham Symons and Matt Coombs had a clean consistent run taking 2nd in class and 6th outright. Jeremy and Ken Holt battle dust all day after a minor off in the one lap dash eventually taking 3rd in class and 7th outright. Craig Button and David Anderson were having a good run until a bolt in the rear suspension left the party giving them scare then after a quick repair, continued to take 2nd in class and 12th outright.

If you have a report on any event/activity you wish to let us know about please send to enquires@bendigocarclub.com.au

Maiden Gully clubrooms

As many people who have attended the Club meetings of late will have noticed, the Car Club clubrooms have been undergoing a change. With quite a few years having passed since the last major working bees at the rooms, we've been undertaking some works to revitalise and improve the clubrooms.

Over Christmas the interior was repainted and many thanks to all of those who helped out. Two reverse cycle air-conditioners were installed so now the clubrooms are cool in summer and warm with the upcoming cooler weather. Big thanks to Jim Coombs and Graham Symons for their work installing these and Peter Valentine for looking after the plumbing.

The honour boards have been rehung after being updated as well as the pictures being hung on the side walls. The older Light Car Club memorabilia will take place on the side walls with the Bendigo Car Club featuring on the front wall.

Restumping has been undertaken on the stumps at the front of the building that had caused the building to sag. These have been replaced thanks to Chris at Centre State Restumping (0417 011 182) who really helped the club out. The stumps had deteriorated due to the stormwater pipes not having been connected and water flowing back under the building. The stormwater pipe that has been blocked for a number of years and disconnected was flushed out by Houston Plumbing (0418 590 159) and found to be damaged. The pipe has now been repaired and the task of reconnecting the plumbing at the front of the building in to this is nearly complete; the rear will be connected in the next few months.

Mick Elvey and Jim Coombs have been busy clearing foliage around the clubrooms. This will allow for a driveway to be constructed around the building and open up more parking at the rear of the building.

The next step is to carry out painting of the exterior of the building. Once this is complete, garden beds will be formed and some hardy plants planted to freshen up the appearance. Some kerbing will be installed to define these areas and some crushed rock spread in the car park area. When this work is carried out and finances permitting, new carpet will be laid to replace the existing carpet as well as covering the rest of the rooms. Some additional painting work will also be done inside to finish off.

These works are all anticipated to be completed before October this year for the Car Clubs 60th Anniversary celebrations. If you would like to help out with these works, please call me on 0438 429 535.

Thanks to all of those who helped out at the recent working bee, much appreciated – Craig Hardiman

Address updating

If you move house or change email address could you please let us know so we can keep you informed and up to date.

Postal address updates can be done by contacting Gary Doherty.

Email address updates to enquires@bendigocarclub.com.au

CLUB MERCHANDISE

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

Those interested should contact **Cheryl Holt**.

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

Cheryl Holt has been doing some research in to long sleeve tops for use by members, if you are interested in these please contact her so she can estimate how are required.

BCC Junior Development Cars

The Car Club has a number of cars that are used for the purposes of driver tuition for juniors in the club. Unfortunately two of these vehicles were damaged recently in separate incidents, (Datsun Stanza and Honda Accord Automatic) which led to both vehicles being scrapped as Club Cars. We have had some more cars donated to the club to fill in some gaps.

Thanks to RTN Motors for the donation of the Daihatsu Charade, Tony Moore – Hyundai Excel, Gareth Brown - Datsun Stanza, Kirk Marks (Galfer Brake Pads) – Toyota Celica and Roger Hall – Toyota Corona automatic.

The list of cars now is as follows:

Daihatsu Charade – now in service

Holden Gemini (red) – overheated motor (Craig Button to repair)

Holden Gemini (yellow) – drive line removed, rest of car to be sold or scrapped

Holden Gemini (white) – blown head gasket

Ford Laser automatic – in service

Toyota Celica – being prepared (Craig Hardiman)

Hyundai Excel X3 – being prepared (Tony Moore)

Toyota Corona automatic – being prepared (Roger Hall)

Chrysler Lancer (brown) – to be assessed

Datsun Stanza (blue) – to be assessed

Honda Civic (silver) – in service

Toyota Corolla Seca hatch – being prepared (Mick Elvey)

If you feel you can help out with these vehicles, please contact Craig Hardiman or Tony Moore to discuss. The vehicles listed as “to be assessed” will be checked shortly to determine which should be kept, sold or retired. Although it looks like the club has a great number of cars, it is important to note that only three of these are currently in service, the rest of them need attention. Thanks to Innes Motors for the original donation of the Datsun Stanza and Honda Accord, both vehicles supplied many years of trouble free motoring for juniors in the club. A big thanks to Roger Hall for his maintenance of club cars in the past, it would be great to share the workload amongst other club members now if possible.

Thanks – Craig Hardiman

TOTAL FIRE BAN DAY POLICY

On days of Total Fire Ban there will be no activities conducted at the Bagshot Motorsports Complex. This also includes events, track maintenance, private practise, etc.

NEW POSITIONS WITHIN THE BCC

The Bendigo Car Club is looking for enthusiastic members that would like to organise social activities for members of the club, whether it is a social tour or a shopping trip to Melbourne. If you think you fit the bill, please approach any of the committee and we can start from there.

Central Victorian Autocross Challenge (CVAC)

At a recent meeting between representatives of the KCC, BLCC, GMSC and BCC a new inter-club challenge was proposed and agreed too. The events will all be autocrosses and due to track limitation all events will be NON RALLY TYRE events. Each club will host a round at their home track. All events will have a maximum field of 80 and to give all clubs a fair go there will be 20 places reserved for each club up until one week before the close of entries.

The draft calendar for 2010 is:

Round 1	1 st August	GMSC	Avalon	Sunday (day)
Round 2	4 th September	BCC	Bagshot	Saturday (day/night)
Round 3	31 st October	BLCC	Ballarat	Sunday (day)
Round 4	21 st November	KCC	Kyneton	Sunday (day)

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