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BENDIGO CAR CLUB

P.O. Box 361, Bendigo. 3552

June 2010

Up coming events

3 rd June	June General meeting	Maiden Gully
6 th June	Khanacross/Motorkhana	Bagshot
12 th June	Centre State Mopars	Huntly
4 th July	Khanacross/Motorkhana	Bagshot

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ATTENTION

Your Bendigo Car Club membership is due at the end of June. If you plan to compete in July you will need to renew before the 1st of July.

Presidents Report.

May had been a relative quiet month for activities with the Bendigo Car Club but we conducted one of, if not the biggest event we have ever run with 100 entries for an autocross and everybody from officials, competitors and canteen staff, need to be congratulated for a job well done. I personally spoke to several competitors from out our club to ask them what attracted them to Bagshot. Their responses were mostly the same, a great track and venue. I must say that without the forward thinking in the past we would not have such a great place to play. In my time on the committee there have been several people who are also to thank in maintaining the complex but Roger Hall selfishly spends many hours per week at Bagshot preparing and maintaining the tracks out there, so from all of us THANK YOU ROGER.

With our quietest month out of the road the committee and members need to prepare for many events coming up. There are several events that can raise our profile both in the world of motorsport and the greater community. The first is the Centre State Mopars event at the salesyards on the Saturday of the Queen's Birthday long weekend, even thou you need a Chrysler, etc to compete this event has the potential to lift the club greatly.

Later in the year the Australian Motorkhana Championship is coming to town, we, the Bendigo car Club are the host club this year. The AMC is a one round per year championship and this year Victoria has its turn and the Salesyard is the venue of chose. More information will be available as the time gets closer.

The Bendigo Car Club also has been approached to be involved in the Echuca "CARnival" on the 2nd to 4th October. This event is being promoted as a motorsport and motoring spectacular for the river side town. Again more details will be available closer to the weekend on what our involvement is expected to be.

Yours in Motorsport.

Craig Button

President Bendigo Car Club

Event Reports

Round 3 BCC championship and Rd 4 VCAS at Bagshot 8-5-10

Dry and dust was the words of the day, this was in spite of recent excellent rains in the weeks leading up to the event. Anyway there were 100 entries lined up for the day/night autocross which was the first time the club has organised one of these in more than 10 years. All drivers were given the opportunity to complete 4 timed runs of the 1.3km course. In the end it was BLCC's John Austin in a Mitsubishi EVO2 who took the win ahead of BCC's Tristan Penhall and CCC's Tim Smyth both in a Subaru WRX. Mathew Stratford continues his good form, making it 3 from 3 class wins and 12th outright and 1st 2WD vehicle, despite loosing drive after a CV failure in his Suzuki Swift early in the day. Jolie Middleton in a Subaru WRX took the ladies win. In the juniors Harley Gill also in a Subaru WRX drove well finishing an incredible 4th outright and letting father Jim know that he is a challenge to him for the BCC outright club championship. There were several drives that stood out, with Steven Mackenzie in a Hyundai Excel finishing 17th outright and 2nd 2WD.

The day started well but as the sun went down so did the breeze, this meant that we were unable to run 2 cars on the course and as a result it was a long wait for all concerned. Since this night the committee have decided that for everybody's best interest in future the field is limited to 80 and possible start and hour earlier to make the most of the day light.

The round of the BCC championship is on the 6th June in the form of a Khanacross and motorkhana.

Rally Report

East Gippsland Stages Rally 15-May-10

A number of BCC members made the 6 hour drive down Bairnsdale way on the 15th of May for round one of the Victorian Rally Championship (VRC) and round one of the Hyundai Excel Rally series. BCC crews taking the challenge were, Tony and Nikki Moore, entering their 3rd year in the championship, Steven Mackenzie and Dan Parr, in Steven's second rally, and Kain Manning and Andrew Daniel in their first rally together; actually Kain and Andrew have rallied together before but on opposite sides of the car, so this was Kain's first as a driver and Andrews first as a navigator.

[Steven Mackenzie and Dan Parr / Kain Manning and Andrew Daniel / Tony and Nikki Moore](#)



Beautiful weather greeted all the crews at the Lindenow Showgrounds where the rally started, finished and where the main service took place. The rally officially ran in two heats, 5 daylight stages comprised Heat 1 and 5 night time stages which made Heat 2. The first car was scheduled to leave at 12:30pm and then the rest of the 44 car field at 2 minute intervals thereafter.

Two days before the rally the region had received a good downpour of rain which left the course in ideal condition with very little dust and a surface with lots of grip. The rally was run over 240km with 120km of competitive stages and 120km of liaison, (liaison is driving to the start of stages, between stages and back to service etc).

With 11 Excel crews entered Steven and Tony had some good competition. Steven was one of 4 new crews in the Excel series and after a spectacular debut at rally Bonnie Doon a month earlier all were keen to see how he went in his first VRC event. With the fast stages and lots of uphill the assumption was that the Excels would get hosed by all and sundry but with 4 Excels finishing in the top 20 of the 35 finishers it appeared they still punched above their weight.

In the Excels Steven didn't disappoint and continued his form from Bonnie Doon and took the first stage by 20sec over Tony and continued to extend the gap during the day stages to finish the 5 stages of Heat 1 as 1st Excel and 12th outright in a time of 43 min 19 sec. By the end of the Heat 1 day stages Tony was 40 sec behind Steven finishing 14th outright and 2nd Excel with the next Excel a further 1 min 45 behind Tony in 22nd outright.

For Kain and Andrew the first Heat wasn't so good. Kain and Andrew left Bendigo for Bairnsdale on Friday for an overnight stop in Melbourne before heading to Bairnsdale on Saturday morning, which in most cases would be fine, but after a wheel bearing going on the trailer it meant a late night replacing it before an early morning drive to the rally. Once arriving their day didn't get much better when the radiator sprung a leak while they were warming it up. Andrew was looking quite worried and wondering whether he had the skills to be a navigator and Kain looked tired from all the ordeal but they topped the radiator up with a stop leak and headed off with fingers crossed. The radiator managed to stay together but in stage 3 after running a bit wide they broke a lower control arm and punched a strut top through which retired them from the first heat but allowed them to get back to service and get the car fixed for the night stages.

The 5 night stages of heat two saw 2 new stages and repeats of three of the day stages.

At the end of the night stages Steven had pulled a further 41sec ahead of Tony to record a time of 42min 41sec. Both drivers ended 12th and 14th in the night stages, as they had in the day stages. Kain and Andrew managed to get their car fixed up to attack the night stages and apart from sending another strut through the top of the tower they finished a credible 22nd in their first rally and a great deal more satisfied then the whole weekend had been looking.

In outright times for the event, (total time taken), Steven finished 10th and Tony 12th with both drivers finishing in front of a number of 4WD turbo cars. For Steven it was an amazing introduction to state level rallying and quite a surprise to many of the competitors and officials that someone, having just obtained his licence to drive on the road, could compete in a low horsepower rally car built for under \$10,000, borrow a navigator and enter your second ever rally and first state championship round and finish in the top 10 outright! Well done Steven!

The next round of the Victorian Rally Championship (VRC) heads to Eden in NSW on the Queen's birthday long weekend on the 13th of June, so it will be a 10 to 11 hour drive for the Bendigo crews to tackle some wonderful roads around the towns of Eden and Bega.

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 John Hardiman 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

There was only one off road event in May that was attended by BCC members, Steve's Sprint at Koorlong near Mildura. This was the second round of the Mallee Shield inter-club challenge. There were 18 entries and in dusty conditions the organizers split the field into 2 heats to reduce the dust and allow the crews to enjoy the track better.

Craig Button and David Anderson had a solid and consistent day taking out the 2WD Extreme class in their Rodeo in 6th outright. So after 2 of 5 rounds the pair now lead both class and outright in the 2010 Mallee Shield following up their 2009 outright Mallee Shield success. While the club sits in 3rd behind SLORC and SMSC in the club aggregate.



The next event on the off road calendar is the Mallee Rally over the June long weekend. There will be several BCC crews travelling up to compete and we wish them all well.

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

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

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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 scraped 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 scraped

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

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

BENDIGO CAR CLUB AGM

The Bendigo Car Club Annual General Meeting will be held after the August General meeting at the Maiden Gully Clubrooms. As per the BCC constitution there are 4 current committee members up for renomination. This is also the time to put you hand up if would like to be involved in the club at the committee level. If you are interested there will be a nomination form available at the club rooms at the coming general meeting.

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	Feb '11	KCC	Kyneton	Sunday (day)



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