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BENDIGO CAR CLUB

P.O. Box 361, Bendigo. 3552

April 2011

Up coming events

7 th April 2011	General meeting (8:00pm)	Maiden Gully
10 th April 2011	Khanacross/Motorkhana	Bagshot
23 rd April 2011	Easter Sales Yard Dash	Huntly
29 th April 2011	Relay for Life	Flora Hill
7 th May 2011	BCC VCAS round	Bagshot

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If you think you can help with a strong communication link for our club please contact Craig Button

Presidents Report.

After a slow start to the year I think I speak for most members out there, **let's get into it!** First we have a standard club event, a khanacross/motorkhana, on the 10th April instead of the junior challenge which is calendared. Then two weeks later we have the Sales Yard dash, followed 2 weeks later by the twilight VCAS round. There are a few changes to the events this year so I suggest members take a good look over the supp regs when they come out, especially since there are so many different types of events on the calendar.

This year members will be require to official at events this year as we have done in the past to make the day more enjoyable for all concerned. Members will also have to once again nominate a non-championship event to officiate at to be eligible for championship points, this work reasonable well last year with several events well supported but there is always more to be done. This year there are several events that clash with others that involve some of our normal officials, meaning that others will have to step up to undertake some key roles, Director, Secretary, Scrutineer, and Stewards. These roles seem daunting at first but it's not that hard, most members would be very capable in these positions, so please consider helping out if asked during the year, we will give anyone the fullest support to make it as easy as possible, as they say many hands make light work.

There are several exciting projects being undertaken by the committee at the moment, so in the coming months it is hoped that we can pass on some good news regarding these

Yours in Motorsport.

Craig Button

President Bendigo Car Club

2011 RELAY FOR LIFE

This year the Bendigo Car Club have a registered team in the Relay For Life on the 29th April, currently we have 3 people who have registered on the web page.

Even if you can only spare an hour of your time sign up now and start raising funds for the cancer council.

You can register to participate at vic.relayforlife.org.au or if you are unable to register yourself on the internet, please contact Gary Doherty on 0419522991. We hope to have at least 10 people join the team so we can spread the walking involved.

Eddington Sprints

The 26th Of March saw the annual running of Eddington sprints. Another event down the road in the big smoke was also on but the entrants were not concerned with this clash and had a much better time.

We had seventy entries which were down a bit on last year but still quite good quality. The event is organised by the Vintage Sports Car Club but as usual relies on the help of Bendigo club.

Scrutineering was ably carried out by Mick Elvey and Peter Daniels with help from a couple of Melbourne guys, one of whom was actually the manufacturer of rivmaster off-road buggies. Mick also took the chance to gain some more knowledge by drawing on the experience of these two scrutineers.

Competition was fierce from the locals. Roger hall did well in the Bingham special but fell to mechanical failure on the last run. Young Nick Rossi had what I think is one of his first asphalt runs and accredited himself very well by winning his class against two other competitors. The way that Nick ran really impressed me as he seems to have a very mature and determined head on his shoulders; I think he has a great future ahead of him.

Our steward as usual was Kevin and as usual he socialised very well. The day ran smoothly and each competitor had a practice and three official runs as well as a few guys having an unofficial fourth run. All this despite the fact that it is like herding sheep to try and get them to come up for a run as socialising seems to be the order of the day. (Maybe Kevin is on to something after all).

Fastest time of the day went to local Dave Morcombe in a CORVETTE with a 12.74 sec run beating Mark Baker in the Pontiac by a second. Full results will be available on the WEB soon.

The spit roast at the end of the day was also a great success, and with the great weather I look forward to next year, or maybe I might just go and volunteer at that event down the road just to see what the fuss is about.

Peter Valentine.

WORKING BEE 6th March

On the 6th March we had a working bee at Bagshot. Well done to all those that turned up. About 30 members fronted to lend a hand and most of the items listed by Roger that needed attention were accomplished by the lunch break. A lot of meaningless tasks were undertaken including washing of the junior cars, cleaning out and restacking of the timing tower container and machinery shed and cleaning of the canteen. Tony Moore has taken over the project of the toilet block and will be asking for volunteers to undertake tasks so that we can finish it off as soon as possible.

Major track work was undertaken with 2 graders and water trucks as well as a roller working for most of the day. Since then Roger has been out to finish off any areas that needed it.

Once again THANK YOU ALL WHO HELPED OUT.

Albins Off Road Gear Tour Friday 18th March

One Friday night not to long back about 18 club members took of on an expedition to sunny Ballarat to visit Albins Off-Road Gear. Up until this time most people assumed that, this factory only produced things to do with off-road so didn't take that much interest in what went on. How wrong we were.

This small, (about 50 employees at its peak), manufacturing facility makes and exports products to all corners of the world. We were treated to a comprehensive tour of exactly how their products are made beginning with the raw steel billets that are sourced from England and Taiwan right through to the design, machining and quality testing of the final product. We were also treated to a sneak peak at the new transaxle that Albins have designed and manufactured for the V8 Supercars COTF. The quality and design was very impressive and the compactness will make them a very trick piece of gear.

Their staple product is the off-road transaxle that they sell mainly to America where apparently a basic four speed box in a buggy placed third overall at last years Baja 1000, this same car can be hired and thrashed up and down the coast of Mexico by tourists, a testament to the durability of the gearbox.

Another trick piece of gear was a 3D concept printer, a cad drawing is fed into the printer and after some glue and powder are squirted around out comes a three dimensional model that can be shown to a customer or even used as a pattern for casting products. Unfortunately the global crisis also hit Albins and it was related to us that in 2007, one month they had a customer that was \$90 short of spending \$1,000,000 and the next month they were getting hundreds of thousands of dollars in orders cancelled.

Another interesting item was a Honda formula one gearbox that they had picked up at a surplus sale and were going to pull it apart to see what they could learn.

A big thanks must go to John Orr, who has known these guys since before they got into the industry, for organising the trip and thanks to Jim for getting us safely over and back and making sure he found a Mackas to feed us on the way back.

Peter Valentine.

NEW CH PLATE SCHEME.

There has been an introduction of a new CH plate scheme by Vic Roads, John Orr is the administrator of the scheme for the club and anybody wishing to obtain or renew a CH plate must contact him to do so. The club will also be introducing a requirement that an annual inspection be done for all renewals, again see John for more information on this.

BCC SOCIAL GROUP

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.

Marcos Ambrose.

Just to update how he is going this year he is currently 19th in the points standings just 66 points behind the leader Carl Edwards also Ford mounted. Marcus has had 1 top five place and one top 10 with a best fourth place and second on the start grid. So far he has earned \$822,743 in prize money.

The last race at California was broadcast for 179 minutes and had 49 mins of commercials advertising 59 companies in 110 commercials and just like channel seven and ten at the football there were no missed restarts after the commercial break.

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

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.

CLUB MERCHANDISE

The club merchandise is being reviewed and Cheryl Holt is trying to organize a new range for members. Those interested should contact Cheryl.

CARS FOR SALE

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