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BENDIGO CAR CLUB

P.O. Box 361, Bendigo. 3552

July 2011

Up coming events

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| 7 th July 2011 | General meeting | Maiden Gully |
| 10 th July 2011 | BCC khanacross/motorkhana | Bagshot |
| 24 th July 2011 | BCC Ladies and Junior Day | Bagshot |
| 4 th August 2011 | BCC Annual General Meeting | Maiden Gully |

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2011 AGM

4th August BCC AGM to be held
after General Meeting,
Approx. 9:00pm

60th Anniversary Key Rings

Mick Elvey still has a few key rings
to commemorate the club's 60th year
last year. If you would like to secure
yours please contact Mick.

WANTED:

Crossflow editor/compiler.

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

Presidents Report.

As with each year at this time I call on members to consider nominating for the committee, with the AGM next month it is your chance to stand up for your chance of helping shape the club for the future, nomination forms will be available at the AGM in August.

Last month entry numbers were down a little for the club day, this gave everybody lots of track time and I must thank everybody on making the day run very smooth, let's see if we can make it happen again this coming weekend.

The club has also been thanked for running the motorkhana for the Centre State Mopars on the long weekend, so I pass these thanks on to all who helped out on the day. Special note must go out to Melissa Debnam; she won the motorkhana outright in her Galant on Saturday, then on Sunday took a class win in the "Show and Shine" Well Done.

Most of us spend countless hours working on our pride and joy so that we can enjoy our fruits. I sometimes shutter at times when I see the condition of trailers on the road, not necessary car club members. On the way to the Mallee Rally for a long weekend of racing I encountered a problem I have never had before, trailer problems. I had checked the trailer over as I normally do before setting off. On a flat section of road for no obvious reason the "U" bolts on the rear axles broke! I counted my blessing because apart from the inconvenience of calling for help and another trailer for the weekend no harm was done to me, family or most importantly racecar. I travel that road many times and clocked up thousands of kilometers each year with trailer in tow. This was a wake up for me and it should be to all on how easy that this sort of thing can happen.

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

Event Reports

Khanacross/Motorkhana 5th June 2011

With the weather forecast predicting rain on the day everybody was a little nervous, but the rain held off making a good day for all.

The drivers in the khanacross had 9 runs for the day and in the end Craig Hardiman took the win with an overall time of 11:17.19 John Hardiman took second place 13 seconds behind, this would have been a lot closer due to John hitting 2 witches hats, which is rare for him, another 4 seconds behind was Darryl Wensley in third. Behind the leading three Subaru WRX's was John Strauch taking class C in the Beige Pig (Nissan Skyline). Class B saw the emergence of Gary Doherty having his first drive in the Renault Fuego and taking the class win. Dean Smith continued his consistent run taking the win in class A. Corey Talbot was the best placed junior in his Toyota Corolla. In the ladies Jessica Farrar won the class in her Toyota Corolla.

The motorkhana was as busy as the khanacross with 11 runs being offered to drivers. Peter Panozzo (class B) led the field in his Datsun 1600 with an overall time of 4:51.93 Brad Hall, stepping in to a Hyundai Excel on the day after his Subaru suffered engine problems at Winton, was less than 5 seconds behind and taking the class A win. Corey Talbot was also the leading junior in motorkhana. Jessica Farrar took the ladies honours in the motorkhana as well as the khanacross.

The hard luck story of the day was Ross Batson breaking the retaining bolts for the crankshaft pulley on his first run; he tried in vain to find parts to fix it, but no luck there.

CH PLATE SCHEME.

A reminder to all club members who are using this scheme that you must renew your membership otherwise your permit lapses. If you use your car without renewing your membership you are driving an unregistered, uninsured vehicle.

Vicroads will be notified of un-financial members who are using the scheme.

If you have a car that was on the scheme and is no longer please let me know, as the permit is not transferable if the vehicle is sold.

Permit renewal forms are printed with 45 or 90 days. If you wish to change the number of days a new form will need to be completed

The club also requires that a vehicle inspection be done on an annual basis, these can be obtained from Norm Brown at **Specialist Brake and Clutch** in Golden Square or **Roger Hall** in Myers Flat.

John Orr

Club Permit Scheme Official

Off Road Report

There have been three off road events that BCC members had competed in.

The best results of these were Craig Weaire in his Chev powered Nissan Navara taking 1st in the 2WD Performance class at the Finke Rally over the long weekend, just to finish this event is an achievement in itself but to take a class win in his first attempt at the event is a great result.

Unfortunately the Hall brothers registered a DNF on the first day.

6 crews from BCC took on the Mallee Rally on the same weekend with only 2 finishing. Paul Volta and Lachlan McQueen were the highest placed BCC members with a 15th Outright and 5th in the Super 1650 class. Craig Button and David Anderson had their best Mallee Rally result with a 19th outright and 2nd in 2WD Extreme class. Ken Holt and Gary Doherty suffered an engine failure shortly after the road jump on the first lap. Laurie Basten completed one lap before his VK Commodore couldn't take anymore. Jim and Matt Coombs debuting their new buggy had a steady run in the first half making up several places before having engine related dramas on the 3rd lap. Graham and Natasha Symons were running is 3rd in class until the final lap when a steering rack failure sidelined them.

The final event for the month was the second round of the Mallee Shield at Koorlong on the 25th June. Craig Button and David Anderson continued there consistent run with a 5th outright and 2nd in class.

The next event on the Victorian Off Road calendar is Glenroy Plains Enduro on the 30th and 31st July.

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.

Complex Maintenance

A working bee was held on the 26th June at Bagshot with the main focus on the main autocross track. Thank you to Mick Elvey for organising the track surface material and Jim Coombs for organising the use of a sizable grader to work it in. The undergrowth has also been cut back for better viewing of the autocross track from the control tower and spectator areas.

Tony Moore has taken over the project management of the toilet block, let's all support him and lend a hand.

There is always a lot to do around the complex and if you have a spare couple of hours and would like to help out, please contact Roger Hall for a list of tasks.

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.

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