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BENDIGO CAR CLUB

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September 2011

Up coming events

1 st September	BCC Annual General Meeting	Maiden Gully
3 rd September	BCC Twilight Autocross/Motorkhana	Bagshot
10 th September	Vic Motorkhana Championship	Huntly
2 nd October	BCC Khanacross/Motorkhana	Bagshot
7 th October	October General Meeting	Maiden Gully

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2011 AGM

Rescheduled

1st September 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.

Over the next couple of months we have a busy time ahead, with some key events as well as our normal calendared events. First on the list is a new format of event on Saturday the 3rd September, this year we will be running an autocross and motorkhana on the Saturday afternoon and night. The committee discussed this due to the cancellation of a few events that the juniors would normally have entered in; we are planning to have a lighting tower set up over the motorkhana area to allow it to keep going after dark. If this is a success it may lead to more of the same in the future. The weekend after we are hosting a round of the Victorian Motorkhana Championship at the Huntly Salesyard, this is a round of the BCC junior championship.

In October we also have 2 events calendared, the club championship round will be held on the weekend before the General Meeting due to the Bathurst 1000, so keep an eye out for the supp regs on the website. The other event is the Mt Tarrengower Hill Climb on the 15th and 16th.

I would like to ask all of you to consider helping as officials at these events as many hands make light work. It doesn't matter if you haven't got an officials licence, you will not be thrown in the deep end by anyone, and someone will always be there to help.

The end of the year is fast approaching, a time for thinking about what type of events the club will put in next year's calendar, if you have any suggestions of the make-up please contact one of the committee members so it can be discussed.

I would like to thank Murray Mackenzie for his time on the committee; he has been on the committee for probably longer than he wishes to remember. Murray is standing down for personal reasons, but will still be involved in the club activities.

With Murray's opening on the committee Scott Innes has been welcomed on to the committee to fill the position. Scott has had a long history with the club and brings some new thoughts and ideas to group.

Last month we had to postpone the AGM due to a lack of reports so we will have another try this month.

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

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

Event Reports

Long Course Autocross 7th August 2011

At 7:30am the track was dry and dusty but how it changed in the next 20mins. The clouds opened and didn't close all day. Most of the drivers that had entered accepted the clerk of course's decision to continue on with the event as planned. 28 drivers hit the track on a day that a windscreen was a good idea, the off roaders in the field proved that when they came back after their first runs carrying as much mud on them as was on their cars, even our president looked like a mud rat and looking at the grin on his face, he was enjoying himself like a pig in

With the raining continuing all day the track stayed wet and slippery all day and to every driver's credit not one car had to be retrieved from the shrubbery, yes several had spins in the conditions but all were on clear sections meaning no damage, well done guys and girls.

Early on the off roaders, Jim Coombs, Ken Holt, Troy Britten and Luke Hall showed the rest of the field how to do it. The as the day when on the regular front running AWD rally cars worked their way up the field. With the driver's best 3 runs out of 4 counting it wasn't until the final run to see who had taken the honours.

Andrew Daniels driving a Mitsubishi EVO narrowly edging out Brendan Paynting in a Subaru WRX by 4 seconds. Behind these 2, Jim Coombs, Super 1650 Buggy; lead home the rest of roaders, Luke Hall, V8 Nissan Patrol, and Troy Britten, Datsun 1600.

In the class's there was close times, the outright results reflected the class D results. Class C saw Brian Semmins, Nissan 200SX; take the honours ahead of Rod Martin, Torana XU-1, and Roger Hall, Holden Commodore. Class B was a small but competitive group with Chris Hume, Ford Escort, taking the win ahead of Doug Adams, Mazda 626, and Josh Watson also in a Mazda 626. Daniel Rossi Chrysler Lancer lead home a group of Hyundai's for the Class A honours, Dean Smith and John Strauch took the minor placings after swapping the Beige Pig for the Hyundai Excel before the day started, some say because the Hyundai was smaller so there would have been less mud to wash off.

PETE'S HELLUVA GOOD FANG 'ROUND THE TIMING TOWER ENDURO

Round 4 Victorian Off Road Championship 21st August at Bagshot.

After more than 30mm of rain in the week leading up to the event competitors were expecting muddy slippery conditions. However this was not the case for long, the weekend saw a blue sky and brilliant sun shine. 15 crews from across the state had entered the reformatted Bagshot event where they, instead of a set number of laps they were given two 90min sessions to complete as many laps as they could.

In the end both Rod Viser (VORRA) driving a motorbike power single Pro-lite buggy and Ken Holt, Gary Doherty (BCC) combination in a Super 1650 Buggy finished with 41 laps, but as Viser had completed his in a faster time he was declared the outright winner. David Larson and Lucy Young (BCC) also in Super 1650 Buggy rounded out the podium with 39 laps.

Andrew and Karen Fox (GORBA) in a production 4WD Nissan Patrol finished 4th outright with 38 laps ahead of second of the tin top runners, Craig Button and David Anderson (BCC) in a 2WD Extreme Rodeo on 36 laps.

In all there were 5 Bendigo Car Club crews, unfortunately Jim and Matt Coombs finished the prologue in a creditable 4th, then before making it back to the pit paddock they broke a front kingpin putting an end to their day. The rest of the Bendigo members were classified as finishers, the other crew not mentioned above was Luke and Daniel Hall in a V8 4WD Extreme Nissan Patrol finishing 7th outright on 26 laps after fixing problems with a cooling fan in the first session.

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.

Maintenance

Craig Hardiman is continuing to improve the Maiden Gully rooms and by the time you get this newsletter he and Peter Valentine will have fitted the gutter on the back on the building. After then when the weather warms up Craig will be looking for helpers to finish the painting of the rooms and landscaping of the grounds.

The BCC Junior Development cars are near at full strength again, thanks to many members who have helped with this, Tony Moore and Craig Hardiman have been able to find care takers for some of them. We now have a front wheel drive manual and automatic as well as a rear wheel drive manual and automatic, so the novice drivers have a choice for their skill level.

Roger Hall once again has spent many hours at Bagshot preparing the complex for our events, he is always looking for a helper, if you can spare some time and would like to help out you can contact Roger to see what could be done.

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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