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General Meetings
First Thursday of Each Month

February 2013



BENDIGO CAR CLUB

Upcoming events

7 th February	BCC General Meeting	Maiden Gully
9 th February	BCC Championship Presentation evening	Maiden Gully
10 th March	BCC Test and Tune Day	Bagshot

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Presidents Report.

Welcome to a new year of motorsport and auto activities. This year however is off to a false start with the lack of moisture gracing our sky's for the last 5 months, meaning that the Bagshot track has not been able to be brought up to a satisfactory level for our first planned event on the 10th February. As result at the January BCC Committee meeting the decision of postponing the Test and Tune day until the 10th March, replacing the first round of the BCC championship, meaning the Easter Salesyard Dash will be the new round 1.of our championship.

While on the subject of championship, this year the committee have changed the way the championship points are calculated. The class points will remain the same as previous years, while the outright will now be a combination of outright and class points for each event. It is hoped that this will help even the outright championship out for the drivers of the non-turbo 2WD's and creating a bit more interest in the series. The other change to the 2013

Championship is that only one round will be dropped as opposed to 2 in previous years.

Once again to be eligible for the 2013 championship senior drivers must officiate at least 2 nominated non-championship event during the 2013 year. Nomination forms can be found on the website or at meeting and events.

On a personal front I now have a new role on top of my club duties. I have been nominated and accepted as the Victorian representative on the CAMS Australian Off Road Commission

While on CAMS, they have a new CEO, Eugene Arocca. His focus will be on CAMS members, clubs, competitors, officials, etc. He will be guest speaker at the upcoming state council meeting in Melbourne, which we BCC have 2 representatives on. I will look forward to hear their feedback.

2013 is looking to be an exciting year, see you at the track.

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

EVENT REPORT

Xmas Dash 8th December 2012

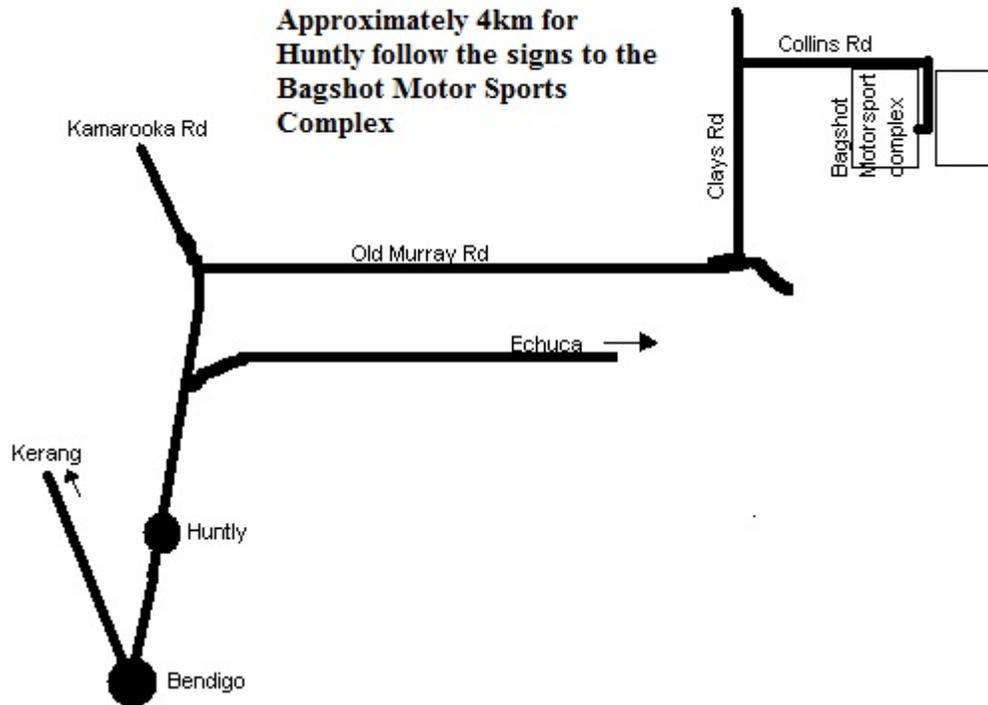
Last year finished off with a Total Fire Ban day, but because we had decided early in the year to finish with a Salesyard motorkhana instead of our normal Bagshot event, this meant that we still ran an event all be it on a very warm day. The December event is normally an unknown for entries given Christmas parties and the like. 18 drivers entered the day including a returning competitor that has not driven for many years, that being Kevin Symons and no he wasn't last on the day. Brad Hall took the win on the day ahead of Darryl Wensley and John Hardiman, all in Subaru WRX's. The best of the 2wd drivers and top class B was Peter Panozzo in his Datsun 1600 in 4th and Dean Smith was 5th outright and 1st Class A in the Hyundai Excel. In the Juniors Kian Heagney edged out Stephen Rosenow, while Jessica Farrar was 3rd junior and 1st lady. There was also a novelty award for the best effort in dressing their vehicle up in the spirit of Christmas. This was awarded to Josh Watson who covered his BMW 318i with so much tinsile it was hard to recognize the car itself.

2013 Bendigo Car Club Championship

This year to be eligible for points in the 2013 club championship, members have to nominate at least 2 non championship events that are run by the Bendigo Car Club in this calendar year. A nomination form will be available at the monthly events, as well as at the general meetings. A register will be kept and each month a list of nominated officials for the next event will be posted in the Crossflow. If a member does not nominate for their events they will not be listed in the points posted, the same goes if they do not attend the nominated events without prior notification.

TRAVELLING TO AND FROM THE BAGSHOT MOTORSPORTS COMPLEX

Due to road conditions and agreements made with local land owners, members are reminded to travel to and from the complex via Clay's and Collins Road. Recently several competitors towing trailers have been using Wirike Road south of the complex gate. Unfortunately most GPS units will direct you down this way. Please follow the posted signs from the Midland Hwy at the Kamarooka/Lockington intersection to the complex.



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.

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 Darryl Wensley. 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.

VICROADS CLUB PERMIT SCHEME

As you all should be aware, the recent changes to the Vicroads Club Permit Scheme have opened up freedoms on the use of vehicles. This has led to an increase of enquiries and demands for it from members and prospective members of our club. Due to this, there has been some concern that some people may take advantage of the cheap “rego” offered by the scheme without putting anything back into the club. As a result, the committee have moved that some requirements be placed on members who have vehicles on the Vicroads Club Permit Scheme, they are as follows.

Members who have vehicle/s on the Vicroads Club Permit Scheme must participate in at least two (2) activities that the Bendigo Car Club is involved within a membership year. It is the member’s responsibility to maintain proof of this for the permits officer at time of renewal, a suggestion of this proof is get an official of the attended function to sign your Vicroads Logbook.

The club activities that are eligible for this are:

- Monthly General Meetings
- Club run motorsport events, competitor or official
- Social tours
- Working Bees

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.

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

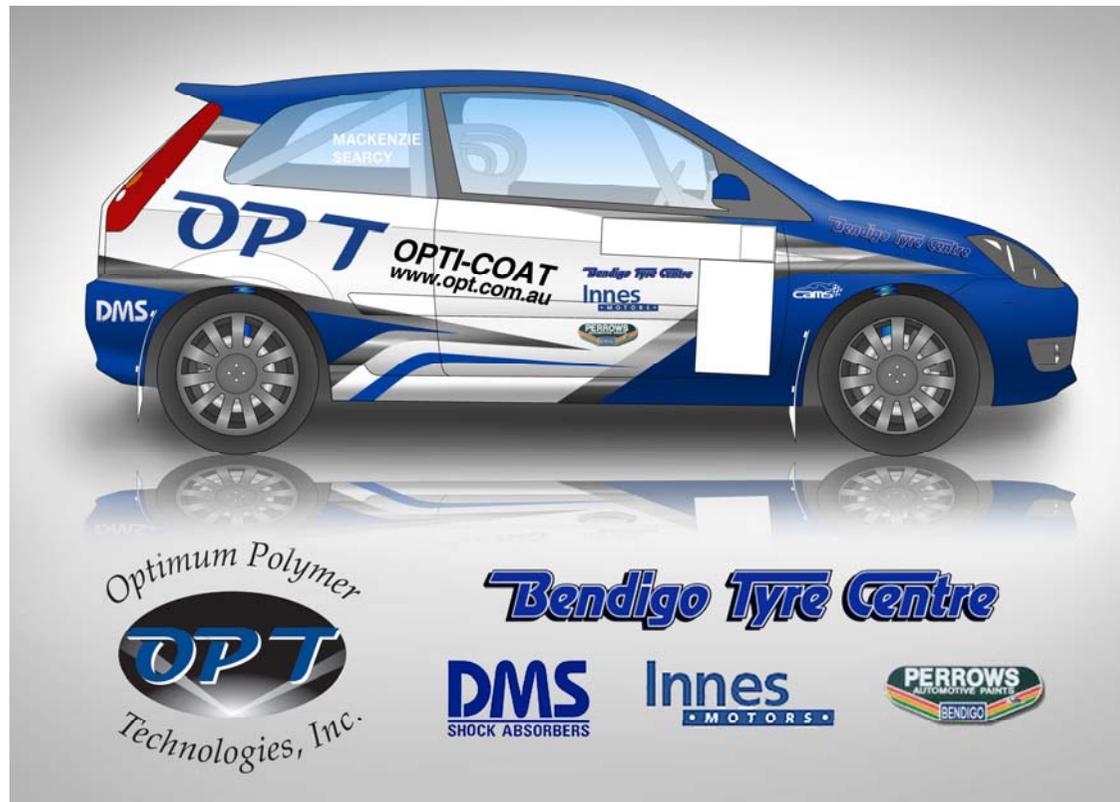
Club Permit Scheme Official

OPT back Mackenzie for 2013 Championship.

Young Victorian driver Steven Mackenzie will contest 5 rounds of this year's Australian Rally Championship along with the Junior Challenge. After the impressive results the team achieved last year in the Junior Challenge, 2013 will see the team aiming for outright honors. Campaigning the same Ford Fiesta that last year set stage times as high as second outright, with some further development to the car the team aim will be to make this a common occurrence.

The team for 2013 will be known as the Opti-Coat Rally Team, after confirming a sponsorship deal with Optimum Polymer Technologies. Managing Director of Zen Automotive Suppliers and Australian distributor for OPT products Joel Blake said "The Australia Rally Championship is a great platform to showcase the OPT range and assist a young driver that has shown great potential on a small budget. So I am very excited to be backing this young team in 2013."

Steven will be joined by experienced co-driver Ben Searcy for the first few rounds of the championship, after younger brother and regular co-driver Brent broke a vertebra in his back in early January. "A replacement co-driver is never ideal, but when the chance to get Ben in the car came about we took it as a great opportunity. I feel with Ben's experience he will be able to offer valuable pacenote tuition and improve results." Steven stated. Brent will find his way back into the seat later in the year once fit to do so.



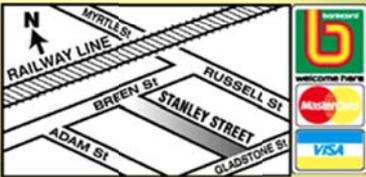
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