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P.O. Box 361, Bendigo. 3552

General Meetings

First Thursday of Each Month

November 2013



Upcoming events

7 th November	BCC General Meeting	Maiden Gully
10 th November	BCC VCAS round, AutoX & Motorkhana	Bagshot
7 th December	Xmas Dash	Huntly

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Presidents Report.

We conducted 2 events last month, the first one was the rescheduled long course autocross which was well attended from our members and several temporary members from visiting clubs. The word is out on good this event is and with changes being made to the CAMS guidelines, I can only see this event going bigger and bigger. The second and main event for the month was the Mt Tarrengower Historic Hill Climb, and I must congratulate the organizing committee and volunteers over the weekend for a well-organized and run event, I know a lot of hair was lost in the stressful lead up to the day by some of the key personnel but everything went well. General feedback from competitors and attendees backed this up. Now plans are already underway for 2014 which is the 85th anniversary of the first running of the event.

Not sure what everybody else thinks, but October was a very busy month, with 4 weekends of motorsport in a row. I know that it may not have been that for everyone. Let me expand, 5th October, raced my off roader at Sealake, 6th October, Long Course Autocross, 13th October Bathurst, 19th and 20th October Mt Tarrengower hill

climb, 26th October Off Road race at Moyston in my ute and finally 27th October attended Show and Shine in Swan Hill with my fleet. I do this because I enjoy doing it, I also find time to spend with my family, including watching my son play cricket, a sport that I couldn't play.

I am only one member of this club and there are many members who compete in all sorts of events and championships around the country, it would be good if those members could send in a brief report of their weekends so the rest of us can support them in their endeavors.

On to this month, we are to host the second last round of the VCAS on the 10th, Let's make it a good one and show them we not only have some of the drivers in the state, but also can run an event that is second to none, to do this we all need your help, so see you on the 10th November at Bagshot.

Yours in Motorsport.

Craig Button

President Bendigo Car Club

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.

Event Reports.

BCC Long Course Autocross

35 drivers took on the rescheduled long course autocross which is the biggest entry list for this event to date. The day ran well with everybody having the opportunity to complete 6 runs of the 3km course. Once again the vehicle of the front runners was Subaru WRX with the top 6 places filled by those cars. Tristan Penhall took the challenge to regular BCC winners Brendan Paynting and Brad Hall, with Tristan taking the honors for the day, the leading 2wd and class "C" driver was John Strauch in the Beige Pig (Nissan Skyline) in 7th outright, Renee Innes followed in 7th outright as the best placed lady and class "A" in a Honda Civic. While class "B" honors went to Daniel Rossi in a Datsun 1600.

With several visiting members competing on the day, the event is becoming known around other clubs and judging by the grins on some of those faces they will be bring their friends next time.

Mt Tarrengower Hill Climb

What a weekend!! Firstly thank you to all that contributed both in the lead up and on the weekend, as everything went as planned with a field of nearly 80 drivers offered 3 runs up hill on Sunday.

For those who haven't attended the event you are miss out on seeing some very unique and collectable vehicles, that owners are willing to show to anybody wishing to ask about them and to see the passion in the eyes of these owners and drivers is something quite amazing.

On the track the predicted battle between last year's winner Liam Sales (Valiant Charger), Darryl Duff (Chev Camaro) and Ray Sprague (AMC AMX) suffered an early hiccup when the thundering Chev lost drive half way up the hill on his practice run putting an end to Darryl's weekend. By the end of the weekend Bendigo Car Club member Liam took the overall win with a fastest time of 42.8 seconds ahead of Ray Sprague and Graham Alexander (XU-1 Torana) both with a time of 44.3 seconds.

Other Bendigo Car Club members that competed were:- Roger Hall, Bingham Renault, 1st in Class, 16th O/right, Max Jackman, VWA Special, 2nd in Class, 30th O/right, Garth Turner, Formula Vee, 2nd in Class, 60th O/right and some silly old bugger (Craig Button) in a Honda N360 Scamp rounding out the field in 73rd Outright and 4th in Class with a staggering time of 2 minutes and 12 seconds.

This year the bikes were also back in bigger numbers, 25 in total and Bendigo's Mike Panayi on a Norton Atlas 750 won the bike division with a time of 44.5 seconds.

Once again thank you to all who contributed to the weekend for a job well done.

Note from the Treasurer:

The Committee has discussed and seen the need to change the way reimbursements for purchases are made items on behalf of the club.

There is now an expense claim form to be used when making such claims for purchases made on behalf of the Bendigo Car Club.

Receipts need to be attached and the form, which is to be authorized by a member of the committee.

On this form you can request payment by cheque or cash.

Cheque reimbursement will be received on the night of the meeting. Cash reimbursements will require arrangements to be made with the Treasurer.

Claims need to be presented at either the General Meeting or Committee Meetings, if unable to attend the expense claim form should then be given to a Committee Member who will then pass onto the Treasurer for payment.

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

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

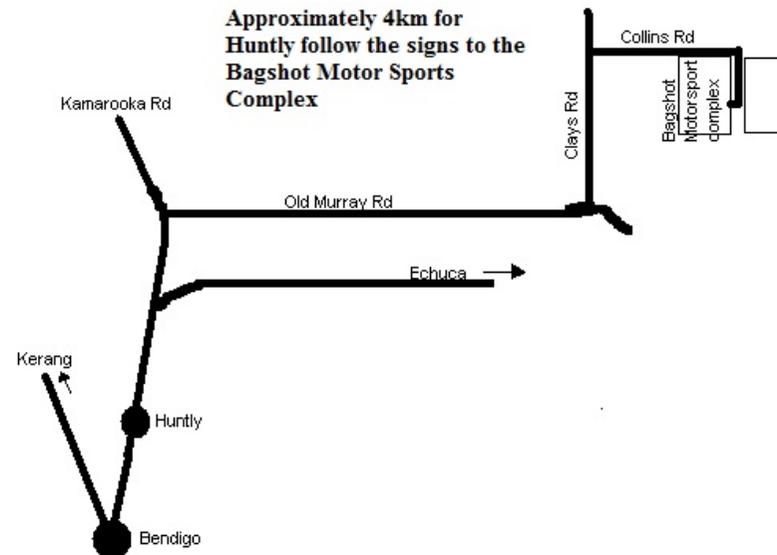
The club also requires that a vehicle inspection be done on an annual basis; these can be obtained from Norm Brown at **Specialist Brake and Clutch** in Golden Square or **Roger Hall** in Myers Flat.

John Orr

Club Permit Scheme Official

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.



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.

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

Penhall Motorsport well placed for 2013 championship

With only 4 rallies making up the 2013 Victorian Rally Championship (after the first two were cancelled) the championship is proving to be a tight contest for all.

East Gippsland Stages saw the debut for the new Penhall Motorsport rally car, but we were struck with pure bad luck in the third stage when a HUGE rock was dislodged by the Evo of Lee/Lethlean ahead of us and knocked into the middle of the road leaving us with nowhere to go. We were out of Heat 1 and disappointed.

Ironically, we later found out, Lee/Lethlean's rally ended less than 2kms down the road with the same front LHS suspension damage.

The Penhall Motorsport service crew were able to repair the WRX and we were able to re-join the event in Heat 2 where we could finally show the WRX's potential and pull off some fast times, winning SS7 by 4 seconds over Kenway/Palmer. Unfortunately, having re-joined at the back of the field, the dust beat us and we finished Heat 2 in 3rd place, taking home 21 points for the rally.

Bega Valley Rally, a rally that combines the VIC, NSW & ACT championships, was round two for the Victorian Rally Championship.

This year we were hoping for third time lucky after striking difficulties at this rally for the last two years. We were determined to prove our worth and that's exactly what we did!

Heat 1 we had a flawless run, although it took us time to find our feet and shake off the poor luck from the previous years. By SS5, "Wangarabell", quoted by Neil Bates to be the best stage in Australia, we were back on our game, winning the stage by 3 seconds over Raymond and placing us 2nd VRC for the heat, scoring 25 points.

Heat 2 we continued the momentum taking another stage win on SS9, the famous "Snake Track", even with a very close near miss requiring a very abrupt "Drive out of it!" instruction from the co-driver! We won the heat 18 seconds ahead of Raymond/Ellis, placing us 2nd VRC for the overall event, and only 20 seconds behind Raymond/Ellis in 1st, with Pannam/Dewhurst following in 3rd place behind us by 3mins 55 seconds.

A heat win netted us the full 30 championship points.

We now stand only half way through the season with two rallies left to contend.

By our calculations, accounting for the required dropped heat, we are currently sitting equal first with Pannam/Dewhurst on 76 points and Kenway/Palmer are not far behind in third on 72 points. Hitting the rock in the first heat of the East Gippsland Stages, where we didn't gain any points, does not allow us any room for error in the next two rallies. We are going to have to be steady and measured with our approach to try and keep the championship within our grasp.

The Penhall Motorsport team would like to acknowledge and say thank you to our sponsors for their fantastic support; Innes Motors Bendigo Subaru and Honda, Bendigo Tyre Centre and Melbourne Performance Centre.



First for Penhall Motorsport at the AKADEMOS Rally

The Penhall Motorsport crew, of Tristan Penhall (driver) and Jolie Middleton (co-driver), from Bendigo have won their first Victorian Rally Championship event; the Menace Motorsports AKADEMOS rally.

The AKADEMOS rally was the third round of the 2013 Victorian Rally Championship, held on Sunday 20th October, based out of the beautiful town of Alexandra in Victoria. The rally stages ran through Rubicon State Forest, with crews competing over six competitive stages, totalling 152kms, and 166kms of transport sections, and proved to provide all the thrills and spills that the event is famous for.

Penhall and Middleton entered the event sitting equal first in the championship and after a four month winter break in the series they were excited to get back out there and fight for the lead.

“We knew that to get a good result this event we had to have a consistent approach,” Middleton said, “So we gave ourselves one aim and that was to be neat, smooth and fast, and it worked for us.” The pair won 4 of the 6 competitive stages, only losing the third stage by 1 second to Kenway/Palmer, Walker/Seabrook and Walker/Lowe, all being equal stage winners.

The roads proved to be too rough for many competitors, with 10 cars not making it to the halfway service, either due to mechanical breaks or touring off the road, and a total of 19 cars were out by the end of the event. This included two out of the top three cars, Lee/Lethlean and Raymond/Batten both suffering from sheared wheel studs in the first heat.

The '06 Subaru WRX STI Spec C of Penhall Motorsport's proved to handle the rough conditions well and couldn't be faulted all event.

“We couldn't be happier with the car's performance,” Penhall said, “It's a dream to drive and handles everything we throw at it.”

Penhall and Middleton took the outright win by 2 minutes 5 seconds over Kenway/Palmer, taking home the full quota of 60 championship points.

With only one rally left to contend in the 2013 Victorian Rally Championship, Rally Victoria on November 16th, Penhall and Middleton lead the championship by 21 points ahead of Kenway/Palmer, with Pannam/Dewhurst in third.

Penhall Motorsport is supported by Innes Motors Bendigo Subaru & Honda, Bendigo Tyre Centre and Melbourne Performance Centre.

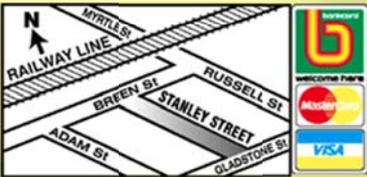
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