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Presidents Report.

Winter is here with vigor, but the action at the club's events have never been hotter with Mathew Stratford gunning for the outright Championship only and Cory Talbot and Craig Thomas are taking it up to the more experienced juniors in the motorkhana, for the junior championship. This along with 4 rounds and 4 different winners, means that with all the new faces attending the events it will be a struggle for anybody to make a break away in this year's championship as has happened in the last few years.

July will be a very busy month with an event on each weekend. Although not all of them are going to be run by us 3 of them will be held at Bagshot (see below), which means that helpers will be required for the canteen on these days. Helpers are also required for the VORC round on the 29th, if anybody can help out in the canteen please contact Shirley on 54469279.

Attached with this edition of the Crossflow there is a copy of the agenda for the BCC AGM to be held after the AUGUST general meeting. Please take note of the changes to the constitution highlighted, and if you are considering standing for the committee in 2007-2008 you nomination must be in before the AGM, to John Hardiman. Don't be scared we don't bite (much).

Yours in Motorsport.

Craig Button

President Bendigo Car Club

Upcoming events to remember

7 th July	Khanacross/ Motorkhana	Bagshot
14 th July	HRA Rally sprint	Bagshot
21 st July	Rd 7 VMC (MUCC)	Huntly
27 th & 28 th July	Round 3 VORC	Bagshot
5 th August	Khanacross/ Motorkhana	Bagshot

EVENT REPORT

Round 4 Bendigo Car Club Championships: 4th June 2007

The June round of the club championship returned to the khanacross and motorkhana format and after heavy rains in the weeks leading up to the event, it was thought that the event was going to be a wet one. All the rain had done to the test areas was to make them best they have been for nearly 12 months. The weekend weather was kind to us and with the moisture in the track areas dust was minimal and grip levels were high.

The motorkhana tests early were slippery; Jimmy Gill came out on top ahead of Paul Wells and Corey Talbot. With only 8 senior drivers in the field of 30, it was always going to be tough up front hence there was only 8 seconds separating the top 5 drivers. In the ladies Tammy Gill held off a late finishing Natasha Gill-Symons by 3 seconds. Catlyn Monigatti was the 3rd lady.

The khanacross was just as tight up front with John Hardiman coming out on top ahead of Murray Mackenzie and Roger Hall, who on the last run proved that you don't need a plane for aerobatics, but this cost him after taking out a test maker after running in second for most of the day. 10 seconds covered the top 5 with Mathew Stratford who had a triple flag hit on the first run, in 5th and 1st junior ahead of Paul Wells and Steven Mackenzie. In the ladies section Renee Larter was the star performer in 13th outright and 30 seconds ahead of Karyn Mackenzie in 2nd but Amy Seyfort kept her on her toes finishing only 0.4 of a second behind her and Melissa Mackenzie 3 seconds behind Amy.

On a lighter note, congratulations to those that read their Supp Regs for the June event and did have a roll of toilet paper on the driver's seat. This was done, to see how many actually read them. Not everybody did, but it was encouraging so many did, I hope that those that didn't will next time, because you never know what you may find!

CLUB MERCHANDISE

T Shirts \$23, Windcheaters \$30 and Baseball style caps \$15 are still available. Also, limited numbers of cloth patches with the club logo are available for \$10ea. Those interested should contact John Hardiman. Otherwise there will be some available at General Meetings and the Canteen on race days.

WEB SITE

The administrator of the web site needs your input with information. Send any items of interest to enquires@bendigocarclub.com.au what ever they may be: photos, links to other sites, reports on events that you have been to or things that you would like to advertise for sale or buy.

WHAT ARE OUR MEMBERS UP TO

The Queens Birthday weekend seen several members compete in events all over the state.

Warren Lee and David Lethlean in their EVO Lancer Competed in the Bega Rally taking 5th outright in the VRC leg. Kirk Marks and Sarah Lucas in their WRX took another class win and 9th outright in the VRC leg.

Tony Skinner traveled to Phillip Island and things didn't quite go to plan with what was thought to be minor engine dramas in qualifying. They attempted to fix the problem but after a good run in race one and while leading race two, the minor problem turned to a big one, with a large crack the full length of number 4 cylinder.

David and Leigh Mertens have also been competing on tarmac with good results; further details are attached on a separate sheet.

There were also 4 crews from the BCC head to Sealake for the George Bailey Mallee Rally. Ken and Jeremy Holt in the Raptor Buggy had a good start but they suffered a similar problem as Tony Skinner with a split cylinder bore. Graham Symons and Jim Coombs having their first race in the ex Paul Volta Hornet Buggy again had a good start until half way around the 3rd lap when the oil pressure dropped and the temp gauge spiked. On inspection afterwards there were a lot of parts that had been very hot, including a melded timing case and a "blue" crank shaft.

Craig Button and David Anderson in the Toyota Corolla had a steering idler arm break on the first lap and as it turned out this was the *only* spare part in their kit. With this fixed they had a trouble free run to the flag to take 4th in class and 37th outright.

The Best placed Bendigo members were Paul Volta and Trevor Larsen in the other Raptor having no problems with the buggy but they did find it hard to see after the anti-fog, fogged up their visors, after this was cleared they finished 6th in class and 25th outright.

If you of anybody that has participated in an activity that may be of interest to others, please pass it on to me at enquiries@bendigocarclub.com.au

Innocence of the young

A seven year old and a four year old are upstairs in their bedroom. "You know what?" says the seven year old, "I think it's about time we started swearing." The four year old nods his head in approval. "When we go downstairs for breakfast I'm going to swear first, then you swear after me, ok?" "OK" the four year old agrees with enthusiasm. The mother walks into the kitchen and asks the seven year old what he wants for breakfast. "Oh, shit mum, I guess I'll have some Coco Pops." WHACK!! He flew out of his chair, tumbled across the kitchen floor, got up, and ran upstairs crying his eyes out. She looked at the four year old and asked with a stern voice, "And what do YOU want for breakfast, young man?" "I don't know," he blubbers, "but it won't be f*cking Coco Pops."

Why some parents get frustrated...

A boss wondered why one of his most valued employees had not phoned in sick one day. Having an urgent problem with one of the main computers, he dialled the employee's home phone number and was greeted with a child's whisper. "Hello?" "Is your daddy home?" he asked. "Yes," whispered the small voice. "May I talk with him?" The child whispered, "No." Surprised and wanting to talk with an adult, the boss asked, "Is your Mummy there?" "Yes." "May I talk with her?" Again the small voice whispered, "No." Hoping there was somebody with whom he could leave a message, the boss asked, "Is anybody else there?" "Yes," whispered the child, "a policeman." Wondering what a cop would be doing at his employee's home, the boss asked, "May I speak with the policeman?" "No, he's busy", whispered the child. "Busy doing what?" "Talking to Mummy and Daddy and the Fireman," came the whispered answer. Growing more worried as he heard what sounded like a helicopter through the earpiece on the phone, the boss asked, "What is that noise?" "A hello-copper" answered the whispering voice. What is going on there?" demanded the boss, now truly apprehensive. Again, whispering, the child answered, "The search team just landed the hello-copper." Alarmed, concerned, and a little frustrated, the boss asked, "What are they searching for?" Still whispering, the young voice replied with a muffled giggle, "Me."

Bendigo Car Club members, Leigh and David Mertens, racing as Team Mertens Racing in the CAMS National Production Car Series, have this year upgraded last year's Class A VZ SS Z Commodore to a VY HSV GTS to compete in the new SP Class of that series.

With the GTS motor not turning up until the Tuesday before the race weekend and then finding that it was very second-hand, a very quick rebuild thanks to Bendigo Engine Reconditioners however no brake pads other than road pads were available for the new Brake package. With all this we had the car on the trailer bound for the dyno at 3:00pm Friday – there went unofficial practice – the dyno session at G & D Performance was short and sweet giving us more than expected, then off to Phillip Island for round 2. (Round 1 being the Bathurst 12 hour where Leigh and David shared one of Colin Osborne Motorsport's Celicas finishing a credible 13th outright and 3rd in class).

Practice 1, on Saturday, with standard road pads was a disaster with the pedal going straight to the floor and Leigh saying the car was un-driveable. Ray at Autobarn came up with some welcomed EBC reds (not quite race pads but better than the standard road pads). Two laps into practice 2 the power steering pump failed and Leigh had still not had a 'hot' lap. We were now beginning to wonder whether we should be packing up and going home but, as all in motor sport know, you should never never Never Give Up.

Qualifying and still no power steering pump – the decision was made to go out with two warm up laps followed by one as hot as possible then come in. What a huge surprise, Leigh had muscled the 1700kg car into second fastest, splitting the two all concerning BMW 335 Twin Turbo's from Bathurst and to top it off, on returning to the pits, there waiting for us was a brand new power steering pump. Things were definitely looking brighter.

Race 1: (a scratch race). Leigh got a great start and led the race from start to finish.

Race 2: (1st of 2 handicapped races). Leigh again had a great start and was slowly getting through the field when a safety car brought the field together. Leigh making good use of this for a second win whilst also breaking the Australian Production Car lap record in the process.

Race 3: Saw another great start, this time Leigh finished second to the BMW 323i Class B trophy car of Tim Robson. This result giving Leigh and the team their first outright round win, and as a bonus, Leigh now holds the lap record at Phillip Island for Australian Production Cars.

As stated earlier, never never Never Give Up.
Next round Queensland Raceway

Regards and good racing,
David Mertens
Team Manager



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