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**General Meeting to be held on the 6th April
From 8pm**

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Presidents Report.

During March we conducted 2 events, see Sporting Report below, that were both well attended and it was good to see such a strong family atmosphere at the Junior Challenge making it a good social event. Thanks to Phil Doherty Car Sales, Bunnings and Australian Forward Dismantlers for their support with this event.

April is gearing up to be a busy time, events, BBQ's and working Bee's.

First up is, round 2 of the VCAS at Bagshot, on the 9th. With competitors coming from all over the state competition should be tough on the day.

The Easter Salesyard Dash is on again this year on the 15th, again times will be tight between the top runners. Once again the Air Cadets will also assist us on putting on this event, which has always been a show case event to show our wares to the public.

Help is need on the 22nd for a fund raising BBQ at Bunnings, Kangaroo Flat, Shirley Symons is helping to organize this with Chris Hume. So if you can help out please ring either of them.

Then finally on the 30th a working bee has been planned to complete the dam fencing, and Frankie's picnic area. It is also hoped that a large portion of the new toilet block can be attempted. There will be other tasks available as per the maintenance sheet table at the general meeting every month.

Yours in Motorsport.

Craig Button

President Bendigo Car Club.

Upcoming events to remember

9th April	VCAS Autocross	Bagshot
15th April	Easter Saleyard Dash	Huntly
22nd April	Bunning BBQ	Kangaroo Flat
30th April	Working Bee	Bagshot
7th May	Khanacross/ Motorkhana	Bagshot
8th May	Ampol rerun	Bagshot

2006 Bendigo Car Club Championship

With the growth of the Motorkhana/ Khanacross days at Bagshot it was decided to introduce 3 new classes in the Bendigo Car Club Championship. The classes are as follows:

Class "A"	Up to and including 1800cc.
Class "B"	1801cc up to and including 3000cc
Class "C"	3001cc and above, and all Turbo charged, 4WD, AWD and/ or any non-production based special. eg; tubular chassis vehicles.
Junior	Any competitor under the age of 18 as of 1 st January 2006
Ladies	Any female competitor.

The overall club champion will still be based on the outright positions regardless of class placing.

Sporting Report

Round 1 of the BCC Championship held on the 5th.

With a strong field John Hardiman took overall honors in the Khanacross ahead of Craig Hardiman and Mick Elvey, at the half way point Mick was leading overall then with a bang 2nd gear was no longer. The best of the juniors were Paul Wells in 4th, Ryan Baker in 6th and Adrian Hill 10th. In the ladies Amy Seyfort 19th lead Tanya Boswood 21st and Melissa Mackenzie 22nd.

In the Motorkhana leg, coming back to the sport after a number of years away, Peter Johannesen took overall honors ahead of Paul Wells (junior) and Jon Madden, Luke Hume followed up in fourth. Amy Seyfort was the best of the ladies in 8th ahead of Haylee Coombs (13th) and Melissa Mackenzie (15th)

Phil Doherty Car Sales 2006 Junior Challenge.

On the 26th the Bendigo Car Club took a chance and ran a junior only Motorkhana to allow the juniors to compete without the pressure of the seniors on the track. The day turned out to be a close affair with 10 seconds covering the top 4 positions after 10 runs for the day.

Luke Hume eventually took the event and Class B out, ahead of Chris Gill-Symons and Tom Johannesen.

The early favorites Paul Wells and Ryan Baker suffered badly when they both had a wrong direction mid way through the day; they eventually finished 4th and 8th, and top honors in Class C.

Class A went to David Baker in a creditable 6th ahead of Harley Gill (9th) and Mark Wells (10th). Both Mark, who is Paul's younger brother, and Harley were competing in their first event.

Tom Johannesen was the best placed Rookie ahead of 5th place Justin Schultz.

In the ladies it was a close battle all day with Melissa Mackenzie (7th) taking the honors ahead of Amy Seyfort (11th) and Natasha Gill-Symons (13th)

COMPLEX MAINTENANCE

The New Year has started off slowly for the maintenance group with only minor work being done. Roger has organised the remaining parts for the new Grader, which he has started to assemble. Graham is currently working on the complex lighting so that we are able to conduct the evening event later in the year. Jim has made do with using the tractor and small blade in preparing both tracks for both our club days and the Autocross. It is hoped that when Roger finishes the grader major work can be undertaken on the Autocross and Off Road tracks to ensure they are enjoyable for all.

Special thanks goes out to **Motion Exhaust Centre**, for the supply and fitment of exhaust systems on the white Gemini and the Honda.

And **Beeps Auto Pro** for the supply of a new set of ball joints for the Stanza.

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.

This site is for your use and to make it work it needs your support.

CAR 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 \$6ea. Those interested should contact John Hardiman. Otherwise there will be some available at General Meetings and the Canteen on race days.

OFF ROAD NEWS

By the time this edition is read Rd 1 of the Mallee Shield, at Mellool, will have been run and won. There are expected to be a few BCC members in attendance. There will be a report at the general meeting.

Best wishes and good luck go to Greg Harris, who is going to Hyden (WA) for Rd 1 of the Australian Off Road Championships at Easter. Greg will actually be navigating in his own buggy with Sealake's Cameron McClelland at the wheel. It is hoped they will be contesting all of the AORC round this year.

On a more technical issue AORCom have table a proposal for class restructure in Off Road. Details can be found on www.offroadracing.com.au or you can contact Glen Stanyer or Craig Button to get a copy of the proposal. It is requested that feedback comes back through the VORAP via Glenn or Craig before the 1st of May.

GOTTA LOVE DRUNK PEOPLE

A man, and his wife are awakened at 3 o'clock in the morning by a loud pounding on the door. The man gets up and goes to the door where a drunken stranger, standing in the pouring rain, is asking for a push.

"Not a chance," says the husband, "it is 3 o'clock in the morning!" He slams the door and returns to bed.

"Who was that?" asked his wife.

"Just some drunk guy asking for a push," he answers.

"Did you help him?" she asks.

"No, I did not! It's 3 o'clock in the morning and it is pouring out there!"

"Well, you have a short memory," says his wife. "Can't you remember about three months ago when we broke down and those two guys helped us? I think you should help him, and you should be ashamed of yourself!"

The man does as he is told, gets dressed, and goes out into the pounding rain. He calls out into the dark, "Hello, are you still there?"

"Yes" comes back the answer.

"Do you still need a push?" calls out the husband.


"Yes, Please!" comes the reply from the dark.

"Where are you?" asks the husband.

"Over here on the swing!" replies the drunk.

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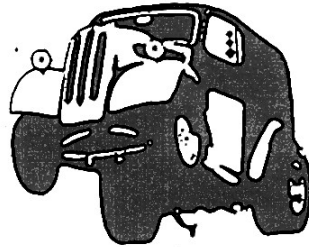
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