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Presidents Report.

Well another year has past, and Christmas is here again. This year has been a big year for the Bendigo Car Club with the membership increasing to around the 150 mark, with about 40 juniors. This is excellent. Most of the club championship rounds this year have attracted in excess of 40 entries in the kxanacross and 25 in the motorkhana. As well as this the club has successfully ran rounds of the VCAS, VMC, VORC and the Mallee Shield. Congratulations and thanks must go to all that have contributed to these events over the year.

But the year isn't finished yet with one round of the club championship remaining, this is going to go to the line between Barry Farnell and John Hardiman, who has lead all year until a small navigational error cost him dearly in the last round, See report below.

The 2007 calendar will be released at the December General meeting with a few changes to this year's layout. There will be no test and tune day in February next year but a social day with many interesting and varied "tests" to water the taste buds for the year to come.

The 2006 Bendigo Car Club presentation evening will be held on the 20th January, trophies and prizes will be handed out for this all this year's events as well as the overall Club Championship awards. A flyer will be sent to all members in the weeks leading up to the night with more information.

Finally I would like to wish everybody a safe and enjoyable Christmas and New Year and hope to see you all for a bigger and better 2007.

Yours in Motorsport.

Craig Button

President Bendigo Car Club

Upcoming events to remember

10th December	Khanacross/ Motorkhana	Bagshot
20th January '07	Club Presentation night	Maiden Gully
4th February '07	Social day varied "tests"	Bagshot
4th March '07	Rd 1 BCC Championship	Bagshot

Sporting Report

Round 9 Bendigo Car Club Championships

On November 5th a bumper field of club members tackled the hot and dusty conditions. There were surprises in all the results, firstly Barry had more competition in Kirk Marks in his WRX eventually taking overall honors with Mick Elvey 3rd, and John Hardiman had a rare lapse in concentration, where he turned right instead of going straight, only to back track to loose about 25 seconds, eventually finishing 5th behind Brendan Paynting in his 1200 Ute. In the juniors Luke Hume took out the honors ahead of Craig Thomas and Simon Rowlands, after junior points leader Mathew Stratford had to borrow a car after the EXA failed before scrutineering. In the ladies mum, Karyn showed Melissa Mackenzie that she hasn't lost it and Amy Seyfort in 3rd.

In the Motorkhana the upsets kept coming with Jimmy Gill taking his maiden win ahead of Tony Moore and Jim Coombs. Kirk Marks, who was driving the WRX in the khanacross tackled the motorkhana in the shopping trolley VY Commodore, took out 4th. The juniors also had seen a first time winner with Corey Talbot closely edging out Heath Ross and Mathew Stratford. The ladies ended in a close tussle between Melissa Mackenzie and Amy Seyfort with Melissa getting up by a mere 5 seconds.

Mt Tarrengower Hill Climb

October 21st & 22nd

The 78th running Mount Tarrengower historic hillclimb.

The Bendigo Car Club has been involved with this event since the late seventies and this year was no exception. A committee comprising of members of the Vintage Sports Car Club and the BCC have met monthly at Maldon hotel to put together the details required to successfully run this event.

While to the helpers on this day it may not seem like there is much to putting this event together let me assure you that behind the scenes there is an incredible amount of work involved. Approvals from a number of government bodies are required along with the usual CAMS requirements, and then there is the matter of safety equipment, toilet hire, rubbish removal, public address systems, food supply and much more.

This year our event secretary processed 90 entries including some from interstate. A healthy amount considering it is just a multi club event. This amount coupled with the fact that each competitor was entitled to two practise and three competition runs meant that we marshalled, started, timed and retrieved from the top of the hill about 400 to 450 competitors. All of this occurred with a minimum of fuss and at times even a bit of fun. (Yes Jim it was a bad example for the juniors and I will wear a seatbelt next time). As the largest event that I have presided over as clerk of course its success can be attributed to the team of volunteers that provided their assistance for the weekend without which the event could not have occurred.

On behalf of myself and the organizing committee I would like to thank every member who assisted with the event, your help no matter how much or how little was greatly appreciated. I won't name individuals because I am bound to forget someone but be assured your help was greatly valued and contributed to the success of the event.

While at this stage I don't know the financial results of the event I feel sure that it will provide reasonable cash injection into the clubs finances. This will enable improvements in our club facilities for our members to compete in some facet that suits them better. So as you can see a small contribution in another area that perhaps you don't have an interest in can impact on what you like as a competitor.

By the way club member Tony Skinner set fastest time of day but because he competed in invitation class was not eligible to figure in the results. Overall honors went to Ray Sprague in the Rambler AMX (V8 power, topped by Tony's 4 Cyl.) There was definitely something to suit everyone on the day.

Once again thank you to all helpers, you conducted yourself with complete professionalism and made my job easy, pat yourself on the back and see you next year.

Peter Valentine.

Australian Motorkhana Championship. 1/10/06

Willowbank, QLD.

It was hot and very humid (not good for a Vic coming from winter) with the Corolla feeling like crap to drive. The bitumen was grippy and forever changing (from the heat) and it did break 6 vehicles with others just going.

As for me, I was competitive in class but made too many small errors and in the 4 reversing test making bigger mistakes missing gears and flicking very untidy. Ended up hitting 2 flags in the Double Kidney (2nd last test) which cost me 2nd but still held 3rd in Class B.

Terry Scharf, Datsun 1200 coupe was 1st (can reverse a car just as quick as going forward).

2nd Tony Galletly, Lotus 7, just 11 sec ahead of me (38 outright)

4th was a very light Fiat X1-9 (was winning but hit too many flags in arvo).

As for the other Victorians that competed at the Bendigo VMC round.

Bill McCarthy was leading outright when his Mini Special struck gearbox problems dropping him down to 2nd Outright.

Cameron Beller, Mini, was 1st in juniors.

Spanna

Off Road

The final round of the 2006 Mallee Shield was held at Bagshot on the 19th November with 25 crews competing in hot and dusty conditions. 3 crews from the BCC tackled the event with Ken and Jeremy Holt taking 2nd in class 2 and 3rd overall behind Cameron and Stuart McClelland, class 2 and Peter Sibson and Jason Munro, class 4. The other BCC members competing were Michael Saggars, class 6, suffering from oil being in the wrong spot (outside the motor) and only finishing one heat of four and Craig Button and David Anderson debuting the "Mini Me" Corolla, as it has been dubbed, finishing 3rd in class 4.

CAR CLUB MERCHANDISE

T Shirts \$23, Windcheaters \$30 and Baseball stye 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.

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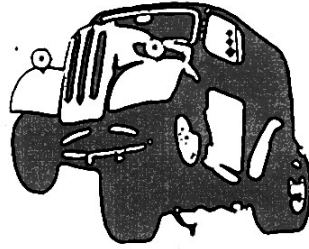
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