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General Meeting to be held on the 1st November from 8pm

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Presidents Report.

The year is coming to an end very quickly. The club championship still has a few surprises to come with many of the class' still to be decided, and if the weather is favorable they will go down to the last round in December.

The December round of the club championship will have extra meaning this year being the 25th anniversary of the Bagshot Motorsports Complex being purchased by the Light Car Club of Australia-Bendigo Branch. It is hoped that many of the members of the time will be able to come out and see the changes that have taken place over that time.

It is hoped that the 2008 Bendigo Car Club Calendar will be released at the November general meeting. There will be some different things in next year's club championship with up to 11 rounds instead of 10 and 2 speed events that require a L2S license, and as a pay off you will dropping 2 rounds not 1 as for this year.

Over the last few months many of our members have competed in several events across the state, doing well in their classes, as well as showing these drivers they can match or better competitors from other clubs. These members are also talking up their experiences away and encouraging others to do the same.

Yours in Motorsport.

Craig Button

President Bendigo Car Club

Upcoming events to remember

4 th November	Khanacross/ Motorkhana	Bagshot
18 th November	Rd 7, Off Road Mallee Shield	Bagshot
8 th December	25 th Anniversary reunion	Maiden Gully
9 th December	Khanacross/ Motorkhana	Bagshot

Events that may be of interest

10 th & 11 th November	“COGHLAN’S CARNIVAL” 2007	Ph 53 311336 or 0407 643803
24 th & 25 th November	St Arnaud Quarter Mile Sprint	Ph 54951033

HELPERS NEEDED

Helpers are needed for the final round of the Mallee Shield to be held at Bagshot on the 18th November. If you can spare the day the off roaders in the club would appreciate it, and the viewing isn't too bad either. If you are able to help please contact Craig Button or John Orr and request your spot.

EVENT REPORT

Round 8 Bendigo Car Club Championship

Saturday 6th October 60 drivers turned up for the second day/night event at Bagshot for 2007. Several members from outside the Bendigo Car Club ranks came out to play, most of them had entered in the NGK Junior Pentathlon. In the end Scott Innes driving a Subaru WRX took out the event by over 15 seconds to Murray Mackenzie in his TX3 Laser. John Hardiman cemented his championship lead with a solid 3rd place.

In the ladies Renee Larter swapped the trusty green Escort for a faster ride in Scott Innes' WRX for a 6th outright, Karyn Mackenzie driving the family TX3 was 2nd in 17th outright, with Kathryn Wallis her father's Peugeot 3rd lady in 36th outright.

In the juniors Mathew Stratford could not match the speed and grip of the 4WD's in his Swift but still finished in 7th outright, Andrew Daniel in his 200B set some very good times to be second junior in 13th outright, with Steven Mackenzie in his dad's Corolla finishing up 3rd junior and 21st outright.

In the classes Scott Innes was the winner of "C". John Strauch got back in his Skyline taking out class B with Andrew Howell taking class A.

Something to celebrate

This coming December will mark the 25th Anniversary of the purchase of the Bagshot Motorsports Complex and to mark the occasion, there will be a social evening at the Maiden Gully clubrooms on Saturday, 8th December, for all past and present members. Further details will be made available soon.

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.

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

**AUSTRALIAN MOTORKHANA CHAMPIONSHIP,
Melbourne 22nd of September.
Report by Brian Shanahan**

It was held at South Pacific Tyres carpark and it was the first time anyone had run at the venue so there was no home town advantage but the surface was similar to the Bendigo Saleyards. Saturday was a perfect day which was all pre event stuff and practice with the Corolla going well. Sunday proved the opposite as the wind was blowing a gale and most of the flags were blowing over and after some time all it was sent to run after the flags were glued down. I started off the first couple of tests a bit slow which drop me down to middle of the class but I got my brain into gear after that. By lunch it was down to 3 of us, Michael Heslewood (NSW) by a few seconds to me closely followed by Terry Scharf (QLD) (last year winner). Michael was quicker than me in the forward tests but I caught he back going backwards but on the second last test I run over a flag base which cost 5 seconds. In the end I finished 2nd in Class B (24 outright) 12 seconds behind Michael with Terry 2.5 sec later in 3rd.

MEMBERS COMPETING AROUND THE TRACKS

Warren Lee and David Lethlean, along with Kirk and Sarah Marks competed in the VRC round known as Akademos. Warren and David pushed hard running in the top 5 all event, eventually finishing equal 3rd. Kirk and Sarah finishing 8th. This leaves Warren and David in 4th in class and 4th outright and Kirk and Sarah in 1st in class and 15th outright with 2 rounds to go in 2007.

7 members headed to Shepparton for the DECCA sprint, 4 of these being juniors, Paul Wells, Luke Farrar, Melissa and Steven Mackenzie. The others were Mick Elvey, Murray and Karyn Mackenzie. All did well in the results and Steven found out that the Corolla was a little different to drive than a go-kart.

Mt Tarrengower has been run and won again with the AMX taking top spot once again but there were a couple of first timers from our club, with Craig Hardiman taking his blue 1600 up the hill taking 4th in class, Roger Hall had his first run in a hill climb driving a 1200cc Formula Vee, a little bit slower than his 1600. Garth Turner driving a Bingham Renault after driving a Formula Vee last he was there. Max Jackman dusted of the VWA and set 3 very competitive times.

Mathew Stratford has been competing in the VCAS again this year and at the Melton round in September he took out 1st place in the juniors.

If anybody has been away racing or just out and about and they would like the rest of the club members know what they have been up to please email or phone Craig Button with the details.

MAINTENANCE REPORT

With the lack of rain there hasn't been much done in the way of track maintenance but as most would have seen the toilet block is well on the way, materials for the roof and inside have been ordered and in the coming months a working bee will be called to get the job done.