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Presidents Report.

Well! What a month April was, first we had the Sales Yard Dash over Easter, and our round of the VCAS. Both events were well attended and from the club's point of view very successful. The Dash this year with the vehicle display and media challenge gained a high profile before hand and afterwards, for the record Aaron Stewart from the Advertiser won the media challenge.

The VCAS round was a over subscribed again with more than 100 entries received for an 80 place field, this meant that both some of our members and regular VCAS runners missed out, my advise to anybody wanting to compete in any event at home or away need to make sure they get their entry in early.

In August we are planning the run a new event which we are calling a long course autocross at Bagshot, the track will be just less than 3km in length and combines both the autocross and off road tracks. If this event is to go ahead the club has to upgrade a few areas around the course for safety reasons, tyre walls and bundles, so there will be a working bee at Bagshot on the 17th May to undertake this work.

I welcome a new committee member onboard to replace John Hardiman. Gary Davis will be taking over John's term. Gary has been involved around the Bendigo Car Club for many years, too many for him to admit, and with most of his family involved will bring a new and different view to the committee. Please make him welcome and if you have any ideas on the direction of the club please pass it on to any one of us.

May is shaping up to be another busy month with the day/night khanacross and motorkhana, working bee and junior challenge.

**Yours in Motorsport.
Craig Button
President Bendigo Car Club.**

Upcoming activities

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| 9 th May | Rd 4 BCC championship Day/night | Bagshot |
| 17th May | WORKING BEE | Bagshot |
| 24 th May | Phil Doherty Junior Challenge | Bagshot |
| 14 th June | Rd 5 BCC championship | Bagshot |

MISSING OFFICIALS VESTS

There are a number of the “new” style official’s vests missing. Could all members please check to see if they have accidentally taken one or more of these, home please? If you do find one could you please bring it to the next event or phone the property officer, Mick Elvey on 5449 3638 to organise to have it returned.

WORKING BEE 17TH MAY

The main tasks for the working bee will be to place tyre walls and bundles around the complex in preparation for the long course autocross in August. There will also be other work to be completed including track prep work, construction of the new toilet block and other general work.

If the tyre bundles and wall are not in place after this working bee the propose event will not happen, as we will have another CAMS track inspection early in June to ensure the layout is safe before being allowed to proceed any further.

A BBQ lunch and refreshments will be provided.

REPORTS

EASTER SALES YARD DASH

In perfect conditions 50 plus competitors put on a show at the Sales Yard for the annual dash. 16 years old Rhys Howell in the Red Honda Civic took over all honours ahead of 2007 and 2008 BCC Junior champion Craig Thomas in the Thomas Pulsar. Jimmy Gill having his first drive of his newly purchased Subaru WRX was 3rd. Brendan Paynting backed up his round one win to that 4th. In the juniors Rhys showed all ho it was done, while the best of the rest was Brayden Carss in his 200B Datsun having his best result yet. Third was Brent Mackenzie in a Hyundai Excel. Class went to Craig Thomas ahead of dad, Peter in the Nissan Pulsar with Murray Mackenzie 3rd. Class B seen Chris Hume in a Ford Escort lead home David Sider in a VW Beetle and Mathew Talbot in a 200B Datsun. In Class C Duncan Sides in a Nissan 280Z took the honours by 5sec over John Strauch in a Skyline with Rod Martin, who made a come back after many years out of the seat, in a Holden GTR Torana in 3rd. Jimmy Gill took class D ahead of Brendan Paynting with Craig Hardiman in 3rd, all of which were driving Subaru WRX’s. In the ladies Renee Larter driving a Honda Civic took the win ahead of Tammy Gill and Tanya Pickering both in Subaru WRX’s.

Something made the day a little more interesting at the Sales Yard this year was the Vehicle display. Thank you to all who put the vehicles on display, including those from the Early Holden Owners Club, Centre State Rodders, Centre Mopars and the Bendigo Volkswagen Club. All these clubs as well as members of the public placed their cars on display. Andrew Howell also ran a few demonstration runs in his Hill Climb open wheeler during the day.

All these extra activities created a much interest from all in attendance and it is hoped that we can make it bigger next year.

VCAS RD 3 19TH APRIL AT BAGSHOT

82 drivers turned out for the BCC round of the VCAS, 31 of these were BCC members. Of the 9 class’s BCC members took wins in 4 of them with many also taking placings. Brendan Paynting won the event outright and class W. Craig Thomas took class D ahead of Scott Innes. Murray Mackenzie won class C. Renee Larter led home a trio of BCC ladies ahead of Tanya Hardiman and Tammy Gill. Having his first drive on dirt in the new family Subaru finished 2nd junior and 20th outright. This event normally brings competitors with all sorts of backgrounds and experience and this year it was different with the 2007 Australian Rally Champions Simon and Sue Evans competing with their son Jackson who was competing in only his second autocross. Simon’s brother and regular ARC competitor Eli Evans also competed on the day.

OFF ROAD

There were 2 off road events that Bendigo Car Club members attended in April. The first was round 2 of the Mallee Shield at Mellool, with 3 crews competing and finishing. Ken and Jeremy Holt finished 3rd and Jim and Matt Coombs 4th in Super 1650 class (class 2) while Craig Button and David Anderson was 3rd in 2WD Extreme (class 4).

Paul Volta and Jim Coombs finished 4th in Super 1650 class at the Donald 400 after the event was shortened down to about 140 km after heavy rain made the main track unpassable.

Round 3 of the Mallee Shield will be held at Mildura's Koorlong complex on the 9th May. This is the same weekend as the BCC day/night events at Bagshot, meaning that there may be a few members absent from the Bagshot event.

PHILLIP ISLAND AND WINTON 6 HOUR EVENTS

Tony Moore is asking for expressions to be part of this year Phillip Island 6 Hour on the 8th and 9th August and the Winton 6 Hour on the 17th and 18th October. Entries are limited and fill quickly. If you are interested in either of these events please contact Tony on 0429 351429, but be quick.

NEW COMMITTEE MEMBER

Gary Davis has filled the committee place made vacant by John Hardiman earlier in the year. Please make him feel welcome.

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.

NEW POSITIONS WITHIN THE BCC

The Bendigo Car Club is looking for enthusiastic members that would like to organise social activities for members of the club, whether it is a social tour or a shopping trip to Melbourne. If you think you fit the bill, please approach any of the committee and we can start from there.

CLUB MERCHANDISE

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| T Shirts | \$23, |
| Windcheaters | \$30 |
| Baseball style caps | \$15 |
| Club Logo Cloth patches | \$10 |

(Limited)

Those interested should contact **Cheryl Holt**.

Otherwise there will be some available at General Meetings and the Canteen on race days.

Cheryl Holt has been doing some research in to long sleeve tops for use by members, if you are interested in these please contact her so she can estimate how are required.

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

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