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BENDIGO CAR CLUB

P.O. Box 361, Bendigo. 3552

February 2011

Up coming events

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| 3 rd February 2011 | General Meeting | Maiden Gully |
| 5 th February 2011 | Presentation Night | Maiden Gully |
| 6 th February 2011 | Working Bee | Bagshot |
| 6 th March 2011 | Khanacross/Motorkhana Rd1 | Bagshot |
| 10 th April 2011 | Junior Challenge | Bagshot |
| 23 rd April 2011 | Easter Sales Yard Dash | Huntly |

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**TEST AND TUNE DAY
CANCELLED DUE TO
TRACK DAMAGE**

WANTED:

Crossflow editor/compiler.

If you think you can help with a strong communication link for our club please contact Craig Button

Presidents Report.

Welcome to a new year and hope all had a relaxing and fulfilling Christmas break. The summer rain brought havoc to many parts of this state as well other parts of this country, we as a club did not get out of it scot free but the damage could have been a lot worse than it was. The only damage sustained was to the tracks around the complex and in the piggery next door where we use for the off road and rally events. Most of these will be repaired this coming Sunday (see story below).

As a result the test and tune day has had to be cancelled leaving the first event of the year the opening round of the club championship on the 6th March. Unfortunate as it this has had to happen it is the best thing for all so that we can have a usable track later in the year. A rally sprint that was also planned for February has been either cancelled or postponed; information regarding this will be communicated as soon as known.

The club presentation night is on this coming Saturday (5th Feb) trophies and awards for all BCC club championship events as well the Outright and class winners in the championship will be handed out on the night, along with some extra awards.

This year more than ever the club needs your help in running events and we the committee will be calling upon most of you at some stage to lend a hand. All the events that we as a club conduct are for the members and in many cases the ones that organize these events want to compete in them so if we are running an event that you are planning not to compete in, it would be appreciated that you help out with either organizing or assisting in running it.

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

WORKING BEE 6th February from 9:00am

Due to the recent extreme weather around the area all activities at Bagshot have had to be postponed or cancelled. The Bagshot complex suffered track damage that requires some extensive work; some of the water ruts created would swallow a small car. As a result instead of holding the Test and Tune day a WORKING BEE will be conducted, a large grader and loader have been organized for the day as well as a quick fill pump for the water trucks. These will make the job of repairing the track a lot easier but extra helpers are needed to drive the other equipment as well as undertaking some of the tasks below.

- Slashing and trimming grass/weeds around buildings and containers.
- Cleanout of the timing tower containers and restacking.
- Slashing undergrowth around tracks.

One of the committee members will also be preparing a list of jobs and volunteers to try and finish the toilet block. This is a very big priority for the club this year.

Expressions of interest required for a workshop tour.

The club has the chance for a social inspection tour of Albins Off Road Gear in Ballarat. This is a chance to see where some of the highest quality motorsport transmissions and other components are made.

Most likely to be held on a week night at some time during the year. Suggested time schedule would be to leave Bendigo at 5.30pm for a tour start at 7.30pm, and back in Bendigo before midnight.

The tour numbers will be limited and the date will be arranged to the most suitable.

Depending on numbers a bus could be hired with cost to be decided.

For further details and interested members contact

John Orr

CLUB JUNIOR CARS

With the start of the New Year comes the arrival of some new cars to the Car Club for use by the juniors. The club was lucky over the Christmas break to have a Nissan Pulsar Automatic donated by Eclipse Ford. A very big thanks to Jim Dewar for organising this, also to Michael Rossi for delivering the vehicle. Peter Hardiman and myself are presently working on this car and it will make its debut at the Easter Saleyards event.

Also appearing at this event will be the clubs Toyota Celica which Dean Smith has been working on lately. Thanks to Dean and a big thankyou to Norm and the Crew at Bendigo Specialist Brake and Clutch who kindly donated all of the parts that were required for the brakes. With just a few finish off jobs left to do, the car will soon be ready for action.

Another new car which first appeared at the final round last year is the Hyundai Excel X3 donated by Tony Moore. This is a great looking little car which Tony has put a lot of work in to, keep an eye out for this one as it doesn't look unlike Tony's own rally car. Thanks to Tony and also to Scott Nichols from Bendigo Tyre Centre for his work and the donation of 4 new tyres for this vehicle.

The Toyota Corona Automatic donated by Roger Hall should also be arriving in the next few months. Another thankyou goes out to Cameron Williams who has been busy replacing the clutch on the clubs Daihatsu Charade. With these new vehicles added in, the clubs junior vehicles are as follows:

Hyundai Excel X3
Daihatsu Charade
Toyota Corona Automatic
Toyota Corolla Seca Hatch
Nissan Pulsar Vector Automatic
Toyota Celica Hatchback
Holden Gemini RWD

We still have a number of vehicles surplus to the clubs needs, these being:

White Holden RB Gemini
White Mazda 323

These vehicles are for sale for \$150 each. If you are interested please contact me on 0438 429 535. The club Stanza is still awaiting pickup and we will have the cream Ford Laser Automatic coming up for sale in the near future. As always, if you feel that you may like to help out with the upkeep of these vehicles give me a call.

Craig Hardiman

NEW CH PLATE SCHEME.

This month sees the introduction of a new CH plate scheme by Vic Roads, John Orr is the administrator of the scheme for the club and anybody wishing to obtain or renew a CH plate must contact him to do so. The club will also be introducing a requirement that an annual inspection be done for all renewals, again see John for more information on this.

CLUB ROOMS

It's just over a year now since we started the job of renovating the clubrooms. Things are progressing well with a lot of painting completed, but there is still a lot of work to be done. In the next few weeks, Peter Valentine and myself will undertake works on the rear of the clubrooms to reinstate the stormwater spouting and downpipes. These were removed a number of years ago due to being in a poor state. Once they are put back in place after being repaired, this will eliminate the drainage problem in the car park caused by water coming off the roof.

The new plants in the garden beds have taken off well and should compliment the clubrooms once completed. The work remaining on the outside of the clubrooms consists of the removal of the tree stumps and construction of the car park. I have made enquiries into the club obtaining use road making materials for this purpose. It is hoped that in April we should have access to some free material which will be delivered to the clubrooms. The Club will just have to arrange for this material to be spread, levelled and rolled. I am still looking for volunteers to help out with painting especially the weekend that the spouting and guttering is put on as we will be hiring a scissor lift and need to paint the entire back of the clubrooms that weekend. If you can help out, please call me on 0438 429 535, thanks.

Craig Hardiman

BCC SOCIAL GROUP

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.

COMENTS FROM A MEMBER

The following comments are my personal opinion but I am sure most active members will agree.

This club has the membership, the facilities, and the diverse motorsport interests that most clubs envy. What other club owns a 60 acre piece of land with a motorkhana area, two autocross areas, and off road/rallysprint track with the option to extend into next door to lengthen the distance. We can run any time we like, and with no restrictions from outside parties. We own tractors, graders, trucks and a ute. We own fantastic clubrooms (thanks to recent hard work). Again no restrictions on operating times etc.

We have an active and hard working committee and president, and a very hard working catering group working in tough conditions.

But we are missing the support of members to stand up and have a go at assisting with the organisation and running of major and minor events. Members seem to have time to build or prepare cars or compete in events but hide out when help is required. The club currently needs people to get off their butts and assist with the following.

Crossflow, Craig currently does this almost on his own, 2 or 3 helpers required.
Sporting Committee, we don't have one, a small group of committee members do it all 4 or 5 helpers required.

Social Committee, we don't have one. 4 or 5 helpers required.

Maintenance Group, mostly committee members. 4 or 5 helpers required.

Catering Group, always happy to have helpers.

Junior co-ordinator, we don't have one.

Scrutineers, 2 or 3 more required.

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Off Road, 2 or 3 helpers required.

Over the last two years we have had quite a few new helpers assist at events, and this has been brilliant, (more of these are required), but the club urgently needs a number 20 and 30 year olds to step up and have a go so the club can continue to grow and keep fresh ideas happening.

Let's spread out the workload so everyone can enjoy their motorsport.

Please contact any member of the committee when you decide which area you can help with.

No excuses !! I am sure they will be happy to find some way you can help.

By the way don't forget the meetings; they are always good fun and a great source of information.

John Hardiman.

If you have a report on any event/activity you wish to let us know about please send to enquires@bendigocarclub.com.au

Address updating

If you move house or change email address could you please let us know so we can keep you informed and up to date.

Postal address updates can be done by contacting Gary Doherty.

Email address updates to enquires@bendigocarclub.com.au

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.

CLUB MERCHANDISE

The club merchandise is being reviewed and Cheryl Holt is trying to organize a new range for members. Those interested should contact Cheryl.

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