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BENDIGO CAR CLUB

P.O. Box 361, Bendigo. 3552

May 2011

Up coming events

5th May 2011

General meeting (8:00pm)

Maiden Gully

7th May 2011

BCC VCAS round

Bagshot

5th June 2011

BCC khanacross/motorkhana

Bagshot

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CLUB FUNDRAISER

TUPPERWARE PARTY.

11th May at the Maiden Gully Clubrooms,
please contact Cheryl Holt for more info.

WANTED:

Crossflow editor/compiler.

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

Presidents Report.

We're back! It has been a long time but April saw the return of action for members of our club in many forms of competition from action at Bagshot to the rally and off road action then to finish of the month with the Salesyard Dash on Easter Saturday.

As well as competition events the club is involved with other activities such as the Relay for Life (which was held on the 29th April). These events are not only for a good cause but help promote the club in the a positive light in the community which is becoming harder to achieve when there is so much negative press about bad drivers of all ages. We need show the community that we give people somewhere to have fun behind the wheel in a safe environment that is legal with the support of the powers to be. I know that dirt competition, which is our main activity, is not for everyone, which is why there is so many other car clubs in the Bendigo region. What we need to do is to work with these clubs to benefit both sides of the coin and by promoting car clubs as an outlet for drivers it will make the roads a safer place to be.

Over the next couple of months we have some key events that we need help for the first is the VCAS round this coming weekend on the 7th May, there are going to be several key club members away for the weekend and there is a need to fill the void. Helpers will be needed in both the canteen and competition area, if you can help out please let one of the committee know before the day or make yourself known on the day to Peter Valentine. The other event that is in need of helpers is the Centre State Mopars motorkhana on the Queen's Birthday weekend, this event is not an open event for our members but an event specifically for owners of Chryslers, Dodges, etc. This is a good fund raiser for the club as well as a good PR event for us working with other clubs. Again if you can lend a hand the committee members have ears and Peter Valentine is the director on the day.

Looking a little to the future Tony Moore is currently in talks with the Victorian Rally Advisory Panel regarding a rally sprint licence for the Bagshot complex, if he is successful this will allow us to conduct club rally sprints for our members.

The Bagshot Motor Sports Complex now has permanent direction signs from the highway at Huntly, thanks to Craig Hardiman for organizing these, maybe now visitor and competitors from out of town can find us easier without getting bogged on the way.

That's enough of me for now, see you at the track.

Yours in Motorsport.

Craig Button

President Bendigo Car Club

Event Reports

Round 1 BCC championship 10th April

After a four month lay off from competition it was good to be back on track, 30 competitors thought so and with a damp track greeting us in the morning with a motorkhana area that you couldn't walk on, it had to be withdrawn but the khanacross went ahead as scheduled.

Once again the all wheel drives were the ones to beat with Brendan Paynting winning by 12 second over Harley Gill, but then the next 5 competitors were all within 10 seconds of Harley. John Strauch experimented with the diff setting in the Mitsubishi EVO finding out that the snow setting doesn't work on dirt too well, given John was on road tyres he drove well to finish in 3rd over all. Class A was a battle between Mick Elvey (Toyota Corolla) and Dean Smith (Hyundai Excel) with Mick taking the honours, class B was a family affair for the Innes' in their Ford Escort, with Scott getting one up on Renee (on the track at least). Class C, Rod Martin dusted of then re-dusted the LC GTR Torana to take the class. In the ladies, Renee Innes took top spot ahead of Tammy Gill in a WRX. Harley Gill as well as being 2nd outright was the top placed junior. Brayden Carss traded in the 200B for a Nissan Skyline taking second ahead of Stephen Rosenow.

Due to the test and tune day being cancelled and a late start to the year, at the end of the day drivers were given a chance for some private practise and tuition from other drivers, each driver was given two goes of the course and several of them took up the chance included some that swapped seats for a ride. This was taken well by members and depending on time lines and conditions I can see no reason why it can not be done again.

EASTER SALESYARD DASH

What a day, the sun was shining, 50 competitors and a nice piece of smooth bitumen for us to play on. With the Bendigo Easter festival being moved forward a day the spectator crowds appeared to be down on previous years but with a wide variety of vehicles competing there was no shortage of action. There were quite a few more motorkhana specials this year, maybe the AMC last year showed we have an excellent complex in Bendigo, and there were the usual BCC members who donned road tyres to have a play. Some of the more interesting vehicles competing included a 4.9lt Cobra, Triumph TR7, a Ford Anglia, Tony Moore show the club members the Hyundai GETZ he will be driving in this year's rally championship and our club president, Craig Button swapped the dirt for tar in his off road ute. This year competitors were made aware that inappropriate driving was not going to be tolerated and for the most drivers conducted themselves very well, however there was one exception to this when one driver thought he was at the Easternats, he was asked to put his vehicle on the trailer for the day.

In all drivers had 10 runs each and in the end the top three places were taken out by motorkhana specials with 5 seconds covering them. Behind them was a group of Subaru WRX drivers, Brad Hall, Jim Gill and Craig Hardiman. In the Juniors Harley Gill held on to the lead despite having a WD late in the day, Jessica Farrar showed the rest of the juniors how to do it being second junior and 3rd lady, while Brayden Carss followed on with his good result in the first round to be 3rd. Class A was a close encounter all day with John Cutting in a MG Midget taking the win ahead of Brian Shanahan, Nissan Pulsar and Melissa Debnam, Hyundai Excel. Damien Wilson from Mt Gambier in a Datsun 180B took class B ahead of Chris Hume in a RS2000 Escort. Rod Martin in an Holden XU1 Torana took class C ahead of Craig Button, Holden SS Commodore with John Strauch in the Beige Pig in third. In the ladies Tammy Gill, Subaru WRX beat Melissa Debnam and Jessica Farrar.

CLUB FUNDRAISER

Cheryl Holt is conducting a Tupperware party with the idea to raise some extra funds for the club, this will be held on the 11th May at the Maiden Gully Clubrooms, see attached flyer for more information.

NEW CH PLATE SCHEME.

There has been an 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.

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.

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.

CARS FOR SALE

1995 Subaru Impreza WRX Rally Car

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