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General Meetings
First Thursday of Each Month

September 2012



Upcoming events

6th September 8th September 22nd September

BCC General Meeting BCC Twilight Autocross and Motorkhana Vic Motorkhana Championship Maiden Gully Bagshot Huntly

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Presidents Report.

Firstly I would like to thank those officials and helpers at the recent Off Road event at Bagshot, with several of our regular helpers competing on the day it looked like at one stage there would be a shortage of officials.

Thank you. It's always a pleasure to official when we have enough helpers to share the load, as well as that those officials on the day saw some close racing right through the field of both off road buggies and TORC mini buggies.

I would like to personal thank Gary Doherty and Tony Moore for their support on the committee over their term. I would like to welcome Glenyce Holt to the committee to fill one of the vacancies, however we still have one vacancy to fill, the Bendigo Car Club is looking for a member with fresh ideas to move the club along for the future, if you believe you are right for this please let myself or one of my fellow committee members know that you can help.

Coming up over the next couple of months we once again have some key mark events for the club as usual. Firstly we have our round of the Vic Motorkhana Championship on the 22nd September and then in October there is Mt Tarrengower.

The VMC rd is once again at the Huntly Livestock Exchange and the Supp Regs are available either posted with this newsletter or from the BCC website.

As most of you are aware this year our club have been given the sole control of the Mt Tarrengower, supp regs have been sent out to all previous competitors and entries are coming in strong, it is hoped this year competitors will not notice any difference in the overall running of the weekend.

Both these events will require your help and both are entertaining for spectators and officials alike.

Yours in Motorsport. Craig Button President Bendigo Car Club

2012 Bendigo Car Club Championship

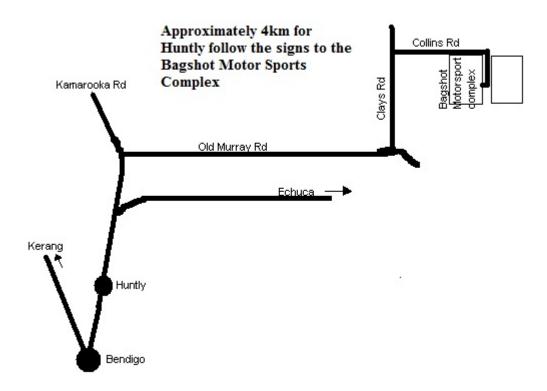
This year to be eligible for points in this year's club championship members have to nominate at least 2 non championship events that are run by the Bendigo Car Club in this calendar year. A nomination form will be available at the monthly events, as well as at the general meetings. A register will be kept and each month a list of nominated officials for the next event will be posted in the Crossflow. If a member does not nominate for their events they will not be listed in the points posted, the same goes if they do not attend the nominated events without prior notification.

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 Darryl Wensley. Email address updates to enquires@bendigocarclub.com.au

TRAVELLING TO AND FROM THE BAGSHOT MOTORSPORTS COMPLEX

Due to road conditions and agreements made with local land owners, members are reminded to travel to and from the complex via Clay's and Collins Road. Recently several competitors towing trailers have been using Wirike Road south of the complex gate. Unfortunately most GPS units will direct you down this way. Please follow the posted signs from the Midland Hwy at the Kamarooka/Lockington intersection to the complex.



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.

VICROADS CLUB PERMIT SCHEME

As you all should be aware, the recent changes to the Vicroads Club Permit Scheme have opened up freedoms on the use of vehicles. This has led to an increase of enquiries and demands for it from members and prospective members of our club. Due to this, there has been some concern that some people may take advantage of the cheap "rego" offered by the scheme without putting anything back into the club. As a result, the committee have moved that some requirements be placed on members who have vehicles on the Vicroads Club Permit Scheme, they are as follows.

Members who have vehicle/s on the Vicroads Club Permit Scheme must participate in at least two (2) activities that the Bendigo Car Club is involved within a membership year. It is the member's responsibility to maintain proof of this for the permits officer at time of renewal, a suggestion of this proof is get an official of the attended function to sign your Vicroads Logbook.

The club activities that are eligible for this are:

- Monthly General Meetings
- Club run motorsport events, competitor or official
- Social tours
- Working Bees

60th Anniversary Key Rings

Mick Elvey still has a few key rings to commemorate the club's 60th year last year. If you would like to secure yours please contact Mick.

A reminder to all club members who are using this scheme that you must renew your membership otherwise your permit lapses. If you use your car without renewing your membership you are driving an unregistered, uninsured vehicle. Vicroads will be notified of un-financial members who are using the scheme.

If you have a car that was on the scheme and is no longer please let me know, as the permit is not transferable if the vehicle is sold. Permit renewal forms are printed with 45 or 90 days. If you wish to change the number of days a new form will need to be completed. The club also requires that a vehicle inspection be done on an annual basis; these can be obtained from Norm Brown at **Specialist Brake and Clutch** in Golden Square or **Roger Hall** in Myers Flat.

John Orr

Club Permit Scheme Official

EVENT REPORT

BCC Long Course Autocross

30 drivers took to Bagshot for the Long Course Autocross on the 5th August. Rain in the week leading up to the event meant that there was a few wet and soft spots but overall the course was in excellent condition. Due to the nature of the track this event is seniors only meaning entry numbers seemed down on our usual club days.

Drivers all had the chance to do 6 runs during the day with their 3 times to count to their time on the day. Not everybody could complete 6 runs, Marcus Houston (Subaru Leone) broke an axle on his fix run, Chris Hume in the ever reliable Ford Escort suffered a head gasket failure on his second run and Peter Panozzo competed 4 runs before putting in on the trailer after several problems.

The overall and class D winner was Brendan Paynting (Subaru WRX) with a large margin over Brad Hall (Subaru WRX), with Tony Morley (Subaru WRX) close behind. Class C was a close battle with Roger Hall (Holden Commodore) edging out Rod Martin (Holden Torana) and Jeremy Newman (Nissan Skyline). Despite putting the Datsun 1600 on the trailer early Peter Panozzo took the class B win with a big gap back to Luke Semmins (Nissan Bluebird), with Josh Watson (Nissan Stanza) further back in third. Class A saw Tony Moore stepping back into his Hyundai Excel to take the win over Dean Smith (Hyundai Excel) while Ross Batson followed in third in his Mistubishi Mirage.

WALDORF & STATLERS WEEKEND EXTRAVAGANZA Round 3 VORC & Round 4 Mallee Shield, 18th & 19th August.

A total of 26 crews entered the event which is a major increase on previous years at the Bagshot complex for off road events. As well as the larger normal off roaders this year the TORC mini buggies were out to play in the dirt as well.

The weekend kicked off with scrutineering on Saturday morning before the VORC competitors took to the track for a prologue and the first heat of one hour where crews had to complete as many laps as they could. In all 5 crews completed 14 laps including Ken Holt/Jim Coombs (258) in 4th, David Larson/Gary Davis (294) 5th. Craig Button/Glenyce Holt (469) in 9th on 13 laps and to round out the BCC members was Matt Coombs/Darcey Hearps (213) with 8 laps after damaging a CV and axle.

Day 2 saw the Mallee Shield crews join the fun on a drying track, so the field was split into 2 and the leading buggies resumed their battle. In the second heat for the weekend 3 crews completed 16 laps with Ken Holt/Jim Coombs (258) in 3rd, Craig Button/Glenyce Holt (469) in 6th on 14 laps and Darren Ingham/Kyle Monaghetti (598) in 14th on 12 laps. David Larson suffered a broken front suspension after 11 laps and Matt Coombs after replacing the damaged axle had a repeat of the problem after completing 6 laps.

The third heat saw several gremlins start to reduce the even further and the field was grouped back to one group. Ken Holt (258) topped the field for the heat with 15 laps with 2 others matching his lap count but with slower times. Darren Ingham (598) completed 11 laps. Craig Button (469) succumbed to a smoking transmission after 7 laps.

Ken Holt and Jim Coombs ended up taking 2nd outright for the VORC second and 1st outright in the Mallee Shield. Darren Ingham having his first off road drive in 11 years with Kyle Monaghetti was 2nd in the 2wd performance class in the Mallee Shield, with Craig Button and Glenyce Holt took the 2wd Extreme win having completing enough laps to be classified as a finisher in both the VORC and Mallee Shield. David Larson and Lucy Young took 3rd in the Super 1650 for the VORC.

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