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The Monthly Newsletter of the Pakenham Auto Club
APRIL 2009



Various Car Club members at Toorong Falls

IMPORTANT
APRIL GENERAL MEETING

Will be held at

**Bill Hemming's Elfin Car Museum,
29 Capella Cres Moorabbin**

Entry fee applies – adults \$10, juniors \$5

CLUB CALENDAR

DATE	DISCIPLINE	EVENT	LOCATION
* April 2nd	General meeting	General Meeting NOTE venue – Bill Hemming’s Elfin car museum Entry fee applies – adults \$10, juniors \$5	29 Capella Cres Moorabbin
April 4 th	Rally – touring road event	Trail blazer – HRA	Bendigo/ Heathcote/ Rushworth
April 16 th	Committee Meeting	Venue TBA	Venue TBA
* April 18th	Rally – VCRS-1	Rally Bonnie Doon - NECC	Strathbogie
* April 19th	VCAS Round 3	Bendigo CC	Bendigo
* April 19th	Motorkhana – VMC - 3	VMCI Dirt Gary Birt 9434 7785	Werribee
April 25 th	Rally - touring road event	Forest Classic Rally - Rallysport	North Eastern Vic
* April 25 th	Working Bee	McGregor Rd – 1 pm.	Pakenham
* April 26th	Motorkhana – PAC	PAC – Come and try – McGregor Rd	Pakenham
May 2nd	Rally	Gil Davis rally – HRA and (run jointly) George Woods Introductory Trial – PCCV HELPERS REQUIRED – see Glad	Powelltown / Noojee
* May 7th	General meeting	General Meeting Pakenham Hall Cnr. John and Henry Streets 8-00pm	Pakenham
May 10th	Social	Mother's Day	Your Mother's Home
* May 16th	Rally – VRC-2	East Gippsland Stages - MUCC	East Gippsland
* May 17th	VCAS Round 4	Melton SC	Melton
* May 17th	Motorkhana – VMC – 4	DSCC Grass/Dirt Peter Short 0419 464 091	Deniliquin
May 23 rd	Rally - touring assembly	The Italian Connection – Rallysport Promotions	North East/ Mansfield
* May 23rd	Motorkhana – VMC – 5 Group 5 Round 3	FFCC/TCCA Dirt Nicholas Charrett 9758 4208 May only be Grp 5 round, and not combined with VMC	Werribee
May 30th	Rally	The Number 9 Trial - HRA	Maryborough/ Bendigo
* May 30 th	Working Bee	McGregor Rd	Pakenham
* May 31st	Motorkhana – PAC - may be a khanacross	PAC – Come and try – McGregor Rd	Pakenham
* June 4th	General meeting	General Meeting Pakenham Hall Cnr. John and Henry Streets 8-00pm	Pakenham
June 6th/7th	VCAS - Practice Event	Swan Hill SCC	Swan Hill
Jun 7 th	Rally – VRC-3	Bega Valley Rally – Marmelang P/L	Bega/Eden
*October 31 st	Rally	Yackerboo – PAC	Neerim

Events marked * will count towards club point scores.

Sunday Coffee: Some members gather for an informal meeting on Sunday mornings at Lakeside Pakenham approx. 8.00a.m. This is a good chance to take your club permitted car for a run, just make sure you shove this copy of “The Oil Rag” in the glove box.

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Secretary – Fred Jasher

Hello everyone,

Following comments raised by one of our club members, the committee had a discussion about what minutes should be included in the magazine. The committee has agreed that we will not include the full minutes of future committee meetings in the magazine. We will however still list any motions raised for voting, and the results of that vote.

Please be aware that this move is not designed to hide anything from general members. In fact, any member is welcome to attend committee meetings at any time if they desire. Please contact a committee member for venue details should you wish to attend.

Meeting minutes will not be in this issue due to time constraints and should return next month.

Editor - Stephen Gallagher

We are a little light on this month with the magazine. John White and Greg Wyatt have both contributed, thank you both.

This is your magazine, so please help me make it worth the postage costs and send something in for inclusion.

Grey Power - John White

Glad asked us all to contribute to the magazine to revive a much appreciated monthly mail-out from our club. I personally want to also revive the club to its “glory days”. Maybe this can be done in time.

I am back again enjoying the sport that I love and can still afford. It has been around four years since I competed. I suffered a bit of a burn-out and needed a rest. Batteries are recharged now so it's on with the show. Just a poor old man, in a poor old car, trying to keep up with the younger generation.

Hilly was the first to catch on, competing against his son in the same car. I would like to see more grey power out there.

The reason I like motorsport so much is that I understand the huge forces at work, the split second timing, the accurate judgement needed and the extreme physicality required to make everything look so smooth and impressive. I love a challenge and I love fixing things that are broken. That is why I wanted to be a motor mechanic in the first place. To all you grey-power people out there, my challenge to you is Catch me if you can.

Our club only has a handful of life members. An honour earned through many years of dedication. Glad is a shining example of grey-power, her stamina, knowledge and drive must surely put her up for some kind of official recognition. I, on the other hand, will never qualify for life membership. I am happy just to be “a member for life”.

I hope to see more competitors at motorkhana's, “lassoing a few flags” and keeping the adrenalin pumping.

Movie outing – Greg Wyatt

Last Saturday night some PAC members went to see Eric Bana's film "Love the Beast".

For those who haven't seen it yet, it is a film not to be missed. It has some great Targa Tasmania footage, a few good laughs (he is a stand up comedian after all) and a healthy dose of philosophy. Indeed you don't necessarily need to be a petrol head to enjoy it, I think....

It kinda applies itself to anyone who has a passion for anything.

Four and a half hubcaps from me.



The Beast



Eric Bana

The Toorong Falls



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REAR VIEW MIRROR

1979

The Speed Director gave a report on the 7th April sprint meeting at Winton. This event attracted 10 entries from P.A.C. members, which was 25% of the field.

1989

This edition, being published after the March long weekend, contained a two and a half page report on the club trip to Rutherglen. I think it must have all been made up! After visiting that many wineries nobody would remember all that detail.

1999

March '99 must have been a hectic month for the club. The April edition contains reports on 3 Motorkhana's, 1 Hillclimb, 1 Autocross and a working bee. All very well attended by P.A.C. members apparently. On top of this there was also the N.C.C.A. challenge of clubs event at Daylesford, but no report appears on that one.