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*The Monthly Newsletter of the Pakenham Auto Club*  
**MARCH 2009**



A blast from the past - one of the Robison's in action, May 2002.

## **IMPORTANT!**

**The March general meeting will be held at the Pakenham Hall as normal.**

**April's meeting will be at the Elfin Heritage Centre in Moorabbin**

## CLUB CALENDAR

DATE	DISCIPLINE	EVENT	LOCATION
* February 28th	VCAS Round 1	DSCC (Deniliquin) Saturday Twilight.	Deniliquin
* March 5 <sup>th</sup>	General meeting	<b>General Meeting</b> Pakenham Hall Cnr. John and Henry Streets 8-00pm	Pakenham
* March 7 <sup>th</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup>	Multi	Challenge of Clubs Trial – NCCA	Wombat State Forest
* March 15th	VCAS Round 2	Kyneton CC	Kyneton
* March 15 <sup>th</sup>	Motorkhana – VMC - 2	PAC – Rutter Reserve – Fred Jasher directing	Tooradin
March 19 <sup>th</sup>	Committee Meeting	Venue – Dale Allan’s home	Venue TBA
March 21 <sup>st</sup>	Rally - VRC-1	Cerberus Stages – CerbCC	Powelltown / Noojee
March 26-29	Formula 1	Australian Grand Prix	Albert Park
* April 2 <sup>nd</sup>	General meeting	<b>General Meeting NOTE venue – Bill Hemming’s Elfin car museum</b> <b>Entry fee applies – adults \$10, juniors \$5</b>	<b>29 Capella Cres Moorabbin</b>
April 4 <sup>th</sup>	Rally – touring road event	Trail blazer – HRA	Bendigo/ Heathcote/ Rushworth
April 16 <sup>th</sup>	Committee Meeting	Venue TBA	Venue TBA
* April 18 <sup>th</sup>	Rally – VCRS-1	Rally Bonnie Doon - NECC	Strathbogie
* April 19 <sup>th</sup>	VCAS Round 3	Bendigo CC	Bendigo
* April 19 <sup>th</sup>	Motorkhana – VMC - 3	VMCI Dirt Gary Birt 9434 7785	Werribee
April 25 <sup>th</sup>	Rally - touring road event	Forest Classic Rally - Rallysport	North Eastern Vic
* April 25 <sup>th</sup>	Working Bee	McGregor Rd	Pakenham
* April 26 <sup>th</sup>	Motorkhana – PAC	PAC – Come and try – McGregor Rd	Pakenham
May 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Rally	Gil Davis rally – HRA and (run jointly) George Woods Introductory Trial – PCCV <b>HELPERS REQUIRED – see Glad</b>	Powelltown / Noojee
* May 7 <sup>th</sup>	General meeting	<b>General Meeting</b> Pakenham Hall Cnr. John and Henry Streets 8-00pm	Pakenham
May 10 <sup>th</sup>	Social	Mother’s Day	Your Mother’s Home
* May 16 <sup>th</sup>	Rally – VRC-2	East Gippsland Stages - MUCC	East Gippsland
* May 17 <sup>th</sup>	VCAS Round 4	Melton SC	Melton
* May 17 <sup>th</sup>	Motorkhana – VMC – 4	DSCC Grass/Dirt Peter Short 0419 464 091	Deniliquin
May 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Rally - touring assembly	The Italian Connection - Rallysport	North East/ Mansfield
*October 31 <sup>st</sup>	Rally	<b>Yakkerboo – PAC</b>	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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## *President - Glad Fish*

Hello everyone,

Hopefully you are all aware that the George Woods rally has been postponed due to the bushfires of late. Our hearts go out to all those affected. It would seem that there are a few motor racers that have lost belongings from homes to cars and possessions.

The George Woods rally has been rescheduled to run in conjunction with the Gil Davis rally on May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Till next month, Glad.

## *Secretary – Fred Jasher*

General Meeting Minutes from 5<sup>th</sup> February 2009.

Open: 8.05pm

Apologies: Dale Allan, Annette & Alan Bloomfield, Greg & Robyn Wyatt, Nick Wright.

Matters Arising: NIL

Previous minutes: Moved as correct - B. Gray. 2<sup>nd</sup> - J. Hill

Correspondence

In: Cheque book ex W/Pac, W/Pac Statement, various club magazines, Membership renewals, TCIS Insurance proposal.

Moved: M. Kelly. 2<sup>nd</sup> P. Morrison.

Out: NIL

Treasurer: Accounts for Payment - NIL

Not recorded.

Membership: 3 Hon, 149 adult, 44 Juniors, 21 Non Financial - total 196.

Rally: G. Woods rally - Training night Feb 16 @ Nunawading.

Speed: VCAS Feb 21 Deniliquin. Mar 15 Kyneton. April 19 Bendigo

Supp Regs on E Group

Motorkhana: 18 Jan @ PAC - 10 Tests. Good day for all.

1<sup>st</sup> Outright - M. De Vaus, 2<sup>nd</sup> D. Isherwood, 3<sup>rd</sup> I. Williams.

Class A - D. McAdam. Class B - M. DeVaus. Class C - D. Isherwood. Class J1 - J. Evans. Class J2 - T.Hill

Feb 15 - VMC Rd 1 Werribee, March 15 Rd 2 PAC Tooradin.

Editor : Nil

CAMS: Delegates meeting March

AOMC: Meeting end of Feb

Social: Nil

Gen Bus: Photos to be updated on PAC website. Bushfire donations needed urgently.

M. Kelly put a motion to consider cash donation by PAC - 2<sup>nd</sup> J. Hill. - Carried. \$500 donated.

Closed: 8.45pm.

## ***Treasurer - Alan Upton***

As at February, our balances are: Cheque Account \$2,483.19, Sandhurst Investment account \$36,805.26, Westpac Investment Account \$40,000.

## ***6 Hour Relay***

The 6 Hour Relay at Philip Island will be conducted on 8/9 of August 2009. PAC will attempt to enter another team this year when entries open in late April. A team is to have between 4 and 6 drivers and between 4 and 6 cars.

A team entry was \$1500 last year and will be of a similar cost this year. Team entrants will need to confirm their entry with payment by mid April.

Last year's entrants will be given the right of refusal before other entrants. More details from Mick Kelly 59 412 931 or mick-k@dcsi.net.au The event website is [www.6hourrelay.com.au](http://www.6hourrelay.com.au)

## ***Rally Co-ordinator - Dale Allan***

Hi all, you have probably all figured out that the George Woods / Rookies Ramble didn't run on the 21st of Feb due to the fires that are still burning in the Bunyip State Forest. The event has been rescheduled to run with the HRA Gil Davis Memorial Trial on the 2nd of May, finer points still have to be finalized but as I understand it, the rookies ramble will run in the evening then competitors can finish or go on to the George Woods and then finish or go on to the Gil Davis. For further information you can contact Glad Fish on either (03) 59 402727 or 0410 148 058.

The Challenge of Clubs run by the Nissan Car Club scheduled for labour day weekend (March 7-8th) is still all go with supp regs available at <http://tinyurl.com/cg99ht> but you had better hurry. There is a Motorkhana Saturday morning followed by the trial that night which is divided into 2 sections for novice and experienced drivers and the Autocross on Sunday evening so go out and have a go and maybe win a trophy for PAC

The Cerberus is still planned for the 21st of March but of course it will be depending on the fire situation and the supplementary regulations are available at <http://www.vicrally.com.au/>.

As of January 1st 2009 the Rally Advisory Panel carried a few motions

1. Safety Helmets must be worn on competitive sections in all rallies and trials including introductory in Victoria and must comply with schedule of the current CAMS manual of motorsport
2. Road Closed. All rallies and trials in Victoria from club to special stage that are considered to be a test of speed, i.e. time to the penalty second, will be required to be run as road closed events, and as such must adhere to all the relevant regulations.
3. Fast Sweep. In 2 succeeding events late in 2008 competitors broke down and for various reasons sweep cars were extremely late getting to them in which 1 person was injured, therefore VRAP has introduced a fast sweep to follow closely behind the last car ( 2 min) to ensure that if an accident occurs it can be acted upon quickly. Now you don't have to worry if you are broken down etc (and still within your late running time) and the fast sweep passes you as you are still in the event until of course the slow sweep passes you.
4. Section distances. It is recommended that organizers think carefully about section distances for their events, especially in the drier times of the year. It is now compulsory to keep competitive distances below 30kms at night and 50kms during daylight hours. Any variations to these distances must be lodged in writing to VRAP at least 8 weeks prior to the event

That's all for now and our best wishes to anyone who has suffered in the fire.

Till next month, Dale.

## ***Membership Secretary - Alan Bloomfield***

Membership this month consists of a total of 199, with 3 Honorary Life members, 152 adult members and 44 junior members.

We now have 20 un-financial members.

Our life members are: John Carney, John Hill & Nick Wright.

## ***Club Scorer - Keith Wells***

Hi everyone, below is the leaders in the club point score.

All competing members are reminded to make sure the scorer has any results of your competing. If you're unsure about whether it qualifies, check the calendar. If I don't have anything, you won't get any points.

Thank you, Keith.

The **activity award** leaders as of Sunday 22/02/09 are: And the **competition** leaders after just 1 event, are:

John Hill	18	Matt DeVaus	11
Tyson Hill	15	Jackson Evans	11
Ian Williams	15	Tyson Hill	11
Alan Bloomfield	14	David Isherwood	11
Alan Upton	13	David McAdam	11

## ***April General Meeting Venue***

The April general meeting will be held at the Elfin Heritage Centre, 29 Capella Cres Moorabbin. To cover the hire of the venue, an entry fee will apply – adults \$10, juniors \$5.

The Elfin Heritage Centre opened on 16th of August 2007 to pay tribute to the achievements of Elfin's founder, Garrie Cooper and to maintain a record of Elfin's heritage. With over 70% of Cooper's pre 1984 Elfin's still competing in historic racing throughout Australia, New Zealand, Europe, USA and the UK, and with over 400 members in the Elfin Owners and Drivers Club, the Elfin Heritage Centre will provide a focal point for the public and all the dedicated Elfin enthusiasts who have, until now, been individually responsible for keeping the Elfin flame alight.

The Elfin Heritage Centre has a permanent museum section featuring at least a dozen racing and sports cars, plus displays of mementos that have been placed on permanent loan. In addition, it will provide a parts and restoration service by co-coordinating and sourcing suitable suppliers and services.

Elfin Sports Car Company has produced some of the most highly competitive sports and open-wheeler racing cars of their day, ranging from the 1959 Streamliner, to Formula Vees through to 'big banger' sports cars and the MR9 Formula 5000 of the 1980's.

Elfin Sports Cars, founded in 1958 in Adelaide by legendary race car driver and builder Garrie Cooper, made a huge impact on Australian open-wheeler and sports car competition from the early 1960s to the 1980s, winning no fewer than 29 championships and major titles. These included two Australian Driver's Championships, five Australian Sports Car Championships, three Australian Tourist Trophies and four Formula Ford titles, in the hands of drivers such as John McCormack, Frank Matich John Bowe and Cooper himself. World Formula One Champion James Hunt won in an Elfin MR6 at Winton and the brilliant French Formula One driver, Didier Pironi, raced an MR8 in the 1980 Australian Grand Prix at Calder.

Elfin won the 1968 Singapore Grand Prix, with Cooper at the wheel, twice won the Malaysian Grand Prix and also won the Australian Formula Two Championship in 1971 with Henk Woelders and 1972 with Larry Perkins in Elfin 600B's. Cars designed by Cooper were regularly competing against and beating the best European imports such as Lotus's, Brabham's and Lola's throughout Australia.

By the time Garrie Cooper died suddenly in 1982, at the age of only 46, Elfin Sports Cars had built 27 different models and nearly 250 vehicles in total. An incredible achievement for a small company so far away from the technological centre of the motor sports world, which at the time was clearly based in Europe.



Text supplied by John Hill. Thanks for arranging the venue John.

## *Editor - Stephen Gallagher*

Thanks to those have sent items for me to publish, be it words or photos.

I raised the question at the last committee meeting of the possibility of emailing the OilRag to members instead of posting it. While some members were against this, some were for it. We agreed to put the question to the membership to see if they would like the OilRag emailed. Why do I care you ask? Well a few reasons, it will save the club some money (postage paper, toner etc) and more importantly time. John Hill is assisting me by printing and mailing the magazine each month. This task takes around 5 hours, but not just 5 hours over the month, 5 hours in a matter of one or two days to ensure that the magazine arrives in your mailbox in a timely fashion. You will also get the benefit of seeing the magazine wonderful technicolour, or 32 bit colour as it's know known. The photos will literally jump off the page at you.

**IF YOU would like your magazine by email, please let me know via email at [Editor@pakenhamautoclub.org.au](mailto:Editor@pakenhamautoclub.org.au)**

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Thanks to those that have responded to date.

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**1979**

The Presidents report was boasting about membership having risen to 42, the highest figure for “quiet a few years”. See the membership report in this issue to compare that with today’s figure.

John Carney had for sale a 1970 Ford Capri G.T. V6. “Offers in the vicinity of \$3,000-00 will be considered”. I suspect John might now wish he still had a 1970 Ford Capri G.T. V6?

**1989**

The editor, Glad Fish, was complaining about being “up to her eyebrows in paperwork for the George Woods Introductory Trial” she was running for the Peugeot Car Club in May. Not much has changed there!

In another uncanny coincidence the membership secretary reported we had a total of 42 members. Exactly the same as ten years earlier. We weren’t really in to self promotion in those days.

**1999**

By contrast membership had risen to 178 during the decade of the nineties.

Daniel Carney reported that three members attended the first round of the Victorian Motorkhana Championship at Deniliquin. Which is in New South Wales??