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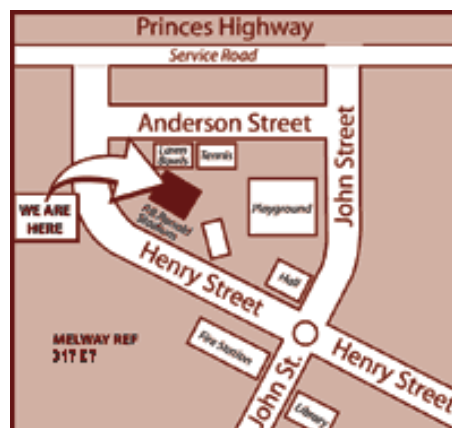
Russ Hammill, or is that Russ Bryant, in action at the August Khanacross.

September 27th Motorkhana supp regs are on the website
http://www.pakenhamautoclub.org.au/sup_regs_19.html

PLEASE NOTE AN UPCOMMING CHANGE TO THE CLUB MEETING VENUE

The Pakenham Hall is being demolished at the end of the year in readiness of its rebirth in 2010. We have therefore been looking for a new meeting venue, which is the Linc building just up Henry St towards the highway.

Our last meeting at the hall will be the October meeting. The November meeting will be at Linc



CLUB CALENDAR

DATE	DISCIPLINE	EVENT	LOCATION
* September 27 th	Motorkhana – PAC & “come and try”	PAC – McGregor Rd	Pakenham
* September 27 th	VCAS –Round 8	CCRMIT	Melton
* October 1 st	General meeting	General Meeting Pakenham Hall Cnr. John and Henry Streets 8-00pm	Pakenham
October 3/4 th	Motorkhana – AMC	AMC NSW Bitumen	Nirimba Sydney NSW
October 9/11 th	Bathurst	Bathurst 1000	Bathurst
October 10 th	HRA -4	Bagshot Rallysprint – HRA	Bagshot
October 15 th	Committee Meeting	PAC Committee Meeting	Llinc
October 18 th	VRC-6	Akedemos – MUCC	Blue Range/Rubicon State Forest
* October 18 th	VCAS -	Moved – now 24 th	
October 18 th	Magazine	Deadline for Oilrag articles	
October 24 th	Khanacross Gp 5	FFCC/TCCA Grass/Dirt	Werribee
*October 24 th	VCAS - Round 9	CCC	Melton
* October 25 th	Motorkhana – PAC	PAC – McGregor Rd	Pakenham
* November 5 th	General meeting	General Meeting Llinc - Henry Street 8-00pm	Llinc - Pakenham
* November 8 th	VCAS – Round 10	BCC – flat hill climb	Bendigo – Bagshot
* November 8 th	Motorkhana – VMC - 9	HSCCV Dirt	Werribee
November 13 th – 15 th	HRA-5	Alpine – HRA	East Gippsland
November 19 th	Committee Meeting	PAC Committee Meeting	Llinc - Pakenham
November 22 nd	Magazine	Deadline for Oilrag articles	
*November 28 th	VCRS-6	Yakkerboo – PAC	Powelltown/Noojee
November 29 th	Motorkhana	HAC Interclub Grass/Dirt	Lardner Park
* December 3 rd	Annual General meeting	Annual General Meeting Llinc - Henry Street 8-00pm Includes committee elections	Llinc - Pakenham
*December 5 th	VCAS -Round 11	NCCA / SDCC	Shepparton
December 9 th	Motorkhana/Social	Motorkhana Presentation / Dinner Bell's Hotel	South Melbourne

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.

CLUB CONTACTS

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President's Report - Glad Fish

Another successful khanacross has been run, well done to Eddy & Alan, and their many helpers on the day. Eddy received a good report from Bruce Keys, the CAMS person who attended the event. We can't expect Eddy & Alan to run all of these events, so if you want more of the same, be prepared to offer to direct an event, or at least learn how to be a director. This includes juniors and parents of juniors; you do not have to be a member of the club to direct events. Come on juniors, get your parents involved.

Our club is still "housed" at McGregor Road. John Hill and I have attended numerous meetings with Council people, our local Member of Parliament, CAMS people, representatives from other car clubs and motor sport organisations and several gentlemen involved in the present feasibility study and previous feasibility studies. John carefully reads all of the paperwork and manages to ask some embarrassing questions. Are we making any head way? I hope so.

Have you all been keeping up with the "progress" occurring in Pakenham? A new underground car park, sounds like a good place for a motorkhana if they build it big enough. Bunnings will be opening soon. How big is their car park? The library has moved into temporary premises while a new one is being built. And our meeting room, as well as the rest of the Pakenham Hall is to be demolished. A new hall is to be built. Who knows how long that will take, and how much it will cost to hire a meeting room in the new hall.

So we are looking for a new home. We will be trying out some options before the old hall is demolished. The October general meeting will be in the old hall. For the November meeting we are trying a room at LLINC (Living and Learning in Cardinia), at Pakenham, just about 150 metres along Henry Street from the old hall.

The October meeting will be a trophy presentation, so come along if you won anything at the khanacross (see the motorkhana report). We have also organised some entertainment "Fitness in Motorsport" with Jason McLachlan, from Step into Life, Pakenham. Jason said the type of presentations he likes to do are very interactive getting people moving and involved, so come prepared. He will also have a power point presentation for us to watch. If you don't regularly attend our club meetings, make the effort for this one. As it is during school holidays I am expecting a good representation of junior members to attend.

We will have a display of club merchandise, so bring your wallet. There will be the usual raffle and of course we finish up with Pizzas.

Secretary – Fred Jasher

Committee Meeting September 14TH 2009 – key points

Present: GF, FJ, AB, AU, JH, SG, PM

Treasurer's Report: Investment Accounts \$77,520.48

Cheque account \$13,377.81

Discrepancy regarding double entry deposit of \$6670 from 2008. To be investigated further.

Receipts: \$530 - K/Cross entry fees - less \$70 to be refunded.

Motorkhana: Peter Morrison's report as tabled re K/Cross recently held, issue of maps for next event discussed. Supp Regs discussed for next event.

CAMS Reps happy with new format trialled for 30/8 KhanaCross.

PAC Motorkhana to be held 27/9 - David Isherwood to direct, to incorporate Come & Try

PAC Khanacross proposed for 25/10

General Business:

M/Sports Complex: Meeting held of Working Group, chaired by Tammy Lobato, attended by Glad & John. An interim report is to be released soon.

Meeting Rooms: Change to Lline in Henry St. due to Hall being demolished 2010. Proposal is that we move to Lline for November General Meeting & that we conduct committee meetings there too.

Website: To be discussed further when consultant available.

Treasurer - Alan Upton

The club's balances are:

Investment Accounts - \$77,520.48 and Cheque account - \$13,377.81

There appears to be a discrepancy regarding the double entry of deposits totalling \$6,670 from 2008. I am in the process of investigating this to find out what if there is an error.

“Not the” Speed Directors report – Alan Bloomfield



Bruce Dunn in action

The September VCAS round will be on Saturday 27th at Melton and will be run by CCRMIT. Supp regs will be available soon.

The following round is on Saturday 24th of October, once again held at Melton to be run by CCCC. Supp regs will be available soon.

Please also note that the December event had been changed from Sunday the 6th to Saturday the 5th.

Membership Secretary - Alan Bloomfield

PAC currently has 3 honorary members, 151 adults, 35 juniors for a total of 189.

Sadly we have 22 members who are now un-financial. So members, PLEASE check the date on the address label on the OIL RAG to see if you need to renew your membership. It is YOUR responsibility to ensure your membership is current. If you do not intend to rejoin PAC, please send a short email to the Membership Secretary advising of same. Email: Membership@pakenhamautoclub.org.au (maybe we could start publishing names of expiring memberships? – Ed)

Thank you, Alan Bloomfield

Editor - Stephen Gallagher

This month I want to acknowledge the efforts of, and thank Eddy Eastwood, and his team, for the work that went into organising and running the recent club Khanacross. A lot of work was done by Eddy behind the scenes liaising with CAMS to get them onside with some concessions and new ideas. As has been stated earlier, these ideas were well received by CAMS when implemented. Until recently I for one was un-aware of the time and effort that Eddy has put in, and think that this should be publically recognised.

I know Eddy is already working hard on the next Khanacross and ways of making it even better. After such a great time at the last, Aaron and I are eagerly awaiting the next one.

Motorkhana Co-ordinator - Peter Morrison

August 23rd saw the running of Round 7 of the VMC at Werribee with 39 competitors. Ian Williams was the only PAC competitor & finished 1st in class D, 14th outright.

Coming up is the AMC on October 3rd & 4th in Sydney.

On 30th of August PAC ran a Khanacross

This was the club's second Khanacross for the year was held in what can only be described as bracing conditions (we had to brace ourselves against the arctic wind). Fortunately the rain held off until late in the day, and even then, only produced a brief shower that was not sufficient to alter the conditions out on the test area.

For this event the Clerk of Course Eddy Eastwood had received CAMS approval to allow 2 cars on the test area at a time. This allowed a faster turnaround of cars which in part enabled us to run more tests, a total of 6. The other contributing factors that allowed more tests to be run was the earlier start and a smaller field than last time, 25 V's. 33.

The number of competitors was a little disappointing; however there were 5 drivers who entered prior to the event that were last minute withdrawals (3 to Rally Australia and 2 due to an injury).

Those who did participate had a great time, despite the prevalence of WD's.

Bruce Key from CAMS attended the event and has provided very favourable feedback to the Clerk of Course, saying that he was impressed with the family atmosphere at the event, and added that a few other clubs could take note of this.

Income included \$510 in entries and \$20 for club car hire. The CAMS permit fee was \$185.

Trophies will be awarded for the following:

Recipient	Position & Class	Trophy Size (A Largest – B Smallest)
Adam Bloomfield	1 st Outright & 1 st Class D	A
Leon Prosser	1 st Class A	B
Stephen Gallagher	1 st Class B	B
Tom Evans	1 st Class J1	B
Jackson Evans	1 st Class J2 & 2 nd Outright	B
Peter Morrison	2 nd Class D	C
Aaron Gallagher	2 nd Class J2	C
Natasha Von Rennes	Encouragement Award & 2 nd Class J1	C

The next Motorkhana is scheduled for Sunday 27th September with David Isherwood as Clerk of Course. The Supp Regs are available on the PAC website.

A "Come & Try" is to be held prior to the Motorkhana.

Following that our next McGregor Road event is scheduled for October 25th. Eddy Eastwood and Alan Bloomfield are again prepared to run a khanacross. Supp Regs should be available from the web site soon.

PAC Merchandise

Below is an update of the items available for purchase.

Short Sleeve T-Shirt	\$12.50, \$15.00	Ladies T-Shirt	\$16.00
Long Sleeve T-Shirt; 100% cotton	\$15.00, \$17.00	Polo Shirt; Aussie made	\$23.00
Polo Shirt; Striped collar & cuffs	\$23.00, \$25.00	Dress Shirt; Pale Blue	\$28.50
Wind Cheater	\$20.00, \$23.00	Polar Fleece	\$36.00
Fleecy Vest	\$25.00	Jackets - Navy with red lining	\$48.00
Caps - Navy	\$11.50	Wide Brim & Bucket Hats; Navy	\$10.00
Beanies - Polar Fleece - Navy	\$11.50		

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- Take our Fitness test and Balloon challenge.
- Learn how to stretch properly.
- Test your core strength – is sitting down easy?
- What can you do, to get that winning edge?

I look forward to meeting you and having some fun at the Pakenham Auto Club Meeting.
Jason McLachlan.

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REAR VIEW MIRROR

1979

The September edition had an article by John Carney full of excuses for his Torana Sports Sedan being so unreliable and telling us how great it is going to be when it stays together for a full race.

I can relate to that!

Listed in the "For Sale" section of the October edition, yep, you guessed it, one Torana Sports Sedan \$3,990.00. What a great way to solve a reliability problem, sell it to someone else. Now that's the John Carney we all know and love!

1989

The results of a Motorkhana P.A.C. held on 9th September show that out of 29 competitors, only 5 belonged to P.A.C. The familiar names are Nick Wright, Glad Fish, David Isherwood and John Hill. All I've got to say about the results is that I'm a lot more competitive in a Camira than I ever was in a Valiant.

1999

There's a member profile article on Will Orders, whose nicknames are: Silly Willy and Wild Willy. Uhhh, I wonder if that's changed in ten years?

This edition has a nostalgic pictorial spread and article by John White on the final Autocross held at Mt. Pakenama (Carney's farm). Hard to believe we've been gone from there for ten years.