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



Ross Allan and his navigator brother Scott getting some air at the Begonia Rally - photo by John Douch

**Don't forget to check the website for Supp Regs for the upcoming  
Khanacross and Motorkhana**

## CLUB CALENDAR

DATE	DISCIPLINE	EVENT	LOCATION
August 28 <sup>th</sup>	Rally	Winter Classic Rally & Tour – BLCC	Ballarat & surrounds
August 29 <sup>th</sup>	Working Bee - time TBA	McGregor Rd	Pakenham
*August 30 <sup>th</sup>	Khanacross	PAC	McGregor Rd
* September 3 <sup>rd</sup>	General meeting	<b>General Meeting</b> Pakenham Hall Cnr. John and Henry Streets 8-00pm	Pakenham
September 6 <sup>th</sup>	Social	Father's Day	Your father's Home
September 12 <sup>th</sup>	Rallysprint	Porepunkah Rally Sprint – NECC	Mt Porepunkah
September 17 <sup>th</sup>	Committee Meeting	PAC Committee Meeting	
* September 19 <sup>th</sup>	Motorkhana – VMC – 8	Saturday BCC Bitumen	Bendigo
* September 19 <sup>th</sup>	VCRS-5	Spring 200 & Camcrusher Intro Trial – FFCC	Toolangi
September 20 <sup>th</sup>	Magazine	Deadline for Oilrag articles	
* September 27 <sup>th</sup>	Motorkhana – PAC & “come and try”	PAC – McGregor Rd	Pakenham
* September 27 <sup>th</sup>	VCAS –Round 8	CCRMIT	Melton
* October 1 <sup>st</sup>	General meeting	<b>General Meeting</b> Pakenham Hall Cnr. John and Henry Streets 8-00pm	Pakenham
October 3/4 <sup>th</sup> TBC	Motorkhana – AMC	AMC NSW Bitumen	Nirimba Sydney NSW
October 9/11 <sup>th</sup>	Bathurst	Bathurst 1000	Bathurst
October 10 <sup>th</sup>	HRA -3	Bagshot Rallysprint – HRA	Bagshot
October 15 <sup>th</sup>	Committee Meeting	PAC Committee Meeting	
October 18 <sup>th</sup>	VRC-6	Akedemos – MUCC	Blue Range/Rubicon State Forest
* October 18 <sup>th</sup>	VCAS - Round 9	FFCC – date may change	Melton
October 18 <sup>th</sup>	Magazine	Deadline for Oilrag articles	
October 24 <sup>th</sup>	Khanacross Gp 5	FFCC/TCCA Grass/Dirt	Werribee
* October 25 <sup>th</sup>	Motorkhana – PAC	PAC – McGregor Rd	Pakenham
* November 5 <sup>th</sup>	General meeting	<b>General Meeting</b> Pakenham Hall Cnr. John and Henry Streets 8-00pm	Pakenham
* November 8 <sup>th</sup>	VCAS – Round 10	BCC	Bendigo – Bagshot
* November 8 <sup>th</sup>	Motorkhana – VMC - 9	HSCCV Dirt	Werribee
November 14 <sup>th</sup>	HRA-4	Alpine – HRA	East Gippsland
November 19 <sup>th</sup>	Committee Meeting	PAC Committee Meeting	
*November 28 <sup>th</sup>	VCRS-6	Yakkerboo – PAC	Powelltown/Noojee

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*

It is good to have a home again. McGregor Road may not be as well set-up as we were at Koo Wee Rup Road, but it is a home.

The club is erecting a storage shed to ease the burden on members having to take equipment to and from events, and then find storage at home for it. The office from Koo Wee Rup Road has been stored on Council land since we moved out, this would have been ideal. However, we were extremely upset to find it and the other buildings (canteen and toilets) also stored on that land, have been vandalised and much stuff has been stolen (stainless steel benches, taps etc.) We will be moving the building and we will have to board up where there used to be windows.

Just another reason to get a permanent home again. Pakenham Motorsport Complex Meetings continue. John Hill and I meet from time to time at different meetings with Tammy Labarto, Cardinia Council CEO & Mayor, representatives from CAMS, representatives from other motoring organisations and other car clubs and Bill O’Gorman who is doing the feasibility study. We think we are making some progress, slow as it may be.

In the mean time don’t lose touch with the fact that we are a very strong club and we will continue to provide for our members. We have a very informative newsletter, with contacts for you, the members to ask questions and make suggestions. We are also looking at revamping our website to make it more inviting to non-members while continuing to service members.

I am looking forward to seeing more members at our monthly meetings. Come along and have your say, and socialise with other members.

I recently invited members who are too busy to attend club functions to send me an email (gladfish@netspace.net.au), to tell me about yourself, and maybe we could just meet up for a chat and a coffee some time. I had absolutely nobody accept my offer. So my suggestion now is that you all just get off your butts and start supporting YOUR club.

From Glad

## *Secretary – Fred Jasher*

### **Minutes of the General Meeting August 6<sup>th</sup> 2009**

**Meeting Opened:** 8.15pm

**Apologies:** Greg Wyatt, Glad Fish

**Attendance:** As per attendance book

**Previous Minutes:** Moved as correct – Fred Jasher, seconded Mick Kelly

**Matters arising:** NIL

**Correspondence In:** Receipt from DS&E for Yakkerboo 2009 Recreation Permit

Thank you card from the Wiadiowski family

Mobile Phone statement

CAMS Statement & Invoice of \$185 for 30/8 Khanacross

Sandhurst Investment Account Statement

Westpac Investment account & Operating account Statements

Email from CAMS re Motor sports complex Meeting

Moved as correct Peter Morrison, seconded Keith Wells

**Correspondence Out:** NIL

**Treasurer:** \$76,234.86 Sandhurst & Westpac Investment Accounts

\$14,012.66 Westpac Cheque account

**Accounts for Payment:** Pak Trophies - \$255.00  
Kimberley Barson – \$319.23  
Peter Morrison \$67.29  
CAMS \$185

**Receipts:** NIL  
Moved – Alan Upton, seconded Bruce Dunn

**Membership:** 3 Honorary Life members, 154 Adults, 32 Junior members, Totalling 189  
Un-financial - 28

**Rally:** Entries closed for Begonia Rally VRC/VCRS event.  
George Derrick run – Overall good results for PAC members.  
Repcos Re-run soon. PAC members entered. Showgrounds start SAT AM.  
Spring 200 19/9

**Speed:** 6 Hr Regularity Trial this weekend at Phillip Island. 6 members in the PAC team.  
Photos needed please!!!

**Motorkhana:** VMC Somerton 12/7  
VMC Werribee 23/8  
VMC Bendigo 19/9  
PAC K/Cross 30/8 – Eddie Eastwood is Clerk of Course. Set up & trial run on 16/8  
27/9 proposed PAC Motorkhana, David Isherwood is Director  
Trophies presented tonight for 26/4 & 28/6 Motorkhanas & 31/5 Khanacross

**Meeting Coordinator:** NIL

**Editor:** Articles needed.

**Social Activities coordinator:** NIL

**Toorong Falls:** NIL to report

**Scorer & Web Master:** NIL to report

**Club Cars:** NIL

**CAMS:** NIL to report

**AOMC:** NIL to report

**Social:** NIL

**Gen Bus:** Motor sports Complex meeting on 18/8 chaired by CAMS – progress report.  
Concrete pads for Atco Hut have been laid; hut to be delivered to grounds.

Next General Meeting is at Pakenham Hall on September 3rd

**Meeting closed 9 pm.**

### **Abbreviated Committee Meeting August 17<sup>th</sup> 2009**

**Matters arising:** Atco Hut & Canteen buildings vandalised, windows broken, fittings stolen. Report to be sent to Police & Shire. Atco hut still to be delivered to McGregor Rd & repaired as best as possible.  
Dale Allen to arrange kill switches for club cars.

**Rally:** Begonia Rally ran last weekend. Kylie Evans 1<sup>st</sup> PAC crew home.  
Yakkerboo 2009 Supp Regs submitted to CAMS.

**Speed:** Regularity Trial run at Phillip Island last weekend. Excel team 1<sup>st</sup>. PAC 3<sup>rd</sup> last.

**General Business:** Keith Wells and Matt DeVaus have both resigned from the committee due to work commitments. Resignations accepted by Committee.  
Website discussed, committee to look at other sites & recommend changes to layout.

Next Committee meeting is at the Grayn on Sept 14<sup>th</sup> 2009

## ***VCAS - Round 7 at Melton - Beginners' issues!!- Russ Bryant***

It was the first time that Russ Hammill and I had ever attended a VCAS round, and only our second gravel event. We are generally new to this and I am sure are falling into all the traps that most have done over the years. Anyway overall we had a brilliant day and left with great big smiles on our faces. In point form, here are some of the highlights and lowlights...

We arrived early at 8:00am – only to find the main gate closed and wondering whether we had the right date. While we were checking, a few other competitors turned up and went in via another gate, phew!

Getting to an autocross is not so easy in a car set up for modern rally. It had taken Russ an hour on the phone and quite a bit of discussions to try to convince VicRoads that one Unregistered Vehicle permit should be enough to get there and back. But in the end we were left buying two and feeling much poorer for our \$80. (Any advice on this other than "buy a trailer" appreciated!!).

It was sunny, the car was running well and the various competitors and their vehicles looked enthused and excited. The drivers briefing went well and the parade lap showed up just how tricky the hard packed Melton surface and down hill, off camber corners were going to be. The track is quite long, running anticlockwise and relatively tight between barriers made mainly from tyres. Starting nearly half an hour late seemed a little strange, given we had arrived two and a half hours earlier.

We had determined that the ute should run in class B, so were running road tyres. They might as well have been slicks!! Anyway, we learnt that class B cars in VCAS must have all interior trim, although the ute has most of its trim, its not all there so we were re-classed to D - the rally tyres would have been ok after all.

First runs were calm and slow-ish, not what I would call fun as I tried to find when the heavy front end would turn in (if at all!) on the unfamiliar tyres. In what was to be a fairly regular occurrence for the day, the shorter Russ went faster than me. I think all the other cars in Class D did as well. For some reason I just did not feel confident and in terms of my speed, and suffered all day as a result.

Time went fast as we watched various cars and a couple of buggies do their thing. There were a few "offs", spins and a Humber Super Snipe that unfortunately rolled. Our five runs went by quickly and got faster. I had one minor off and a big lock-up at the end of the straight to blight two separate runs, but Russ was smooth and fast(er) except for a large spin that caused no damage, but cost about 30 seconds on one run. The fastest driver seemed to be in an Escort that even blew away some 4WD specials and Rex's. Our road tyres were slippery all day, even though the track was swept to be hard and dry in many places.

The timing system appeared quite advanced and viewing a time very soon after a run was a great talking point. With not much room to line up for the start line, most cars ran well out of order, just running every hour or so seemed to be the way to do it. Two cars on track at once helped get through the 65 odd competitors in fairly quick time and ran well all day.

The last run was just after 4:00pm and it was still sunny, the trip back was uneventful and relating the stories to family members lots of fun. All the people we met were friendly, helpful and talkative. I certainly learnt lots and am looking forward to getting out there again. Our plan is to keep trying new things on the ute for the rest of this year then settle in for the VCAS series and various other events next year.

Cheers and I hope to see you at the next event!

## ***“Not the” Speed Directors Report – Alan Bloomfield***

VCAS Round 7 was held at Melton with PAC represented by 12 entrants. They were;

Angela Bloomfield who was 5th in class L (49th OR),	Keith Morling 2nd in class S (16th OR),
Jeff Laycock 5th in class A (53rd OR),	Adrian Best 8th in class C (36th OR),
Scott Wright 2nd class E (15th OR),	Alan Bloomfield 8th class E (57th OR),
Tom Wright 9th class E (62nd OR),	Russ Hammill 4th class E
Russell 6th class E,	Nick Oderowaz 7th class J (61st OR),
Alex Morling 4th class J (55th OR)	Jackson Evans 2nd class J (50th OR)

PAC members are well represented in the class placings helping PAC to lead the club championship after round 6, closely followed by Kyneton Car Club.

Well done to all.

Next months VCAS round will be on Sunday September 27th during Daylight hours, to be held at Melton..

## ***6 Hour Regularity Relay report – Bruce Dunn***

Hi there fellow PAC members. Just a brief article to fill you in on the 6 Hour Regularity Relay held at the Phillip island race track. What a load of fun.

For those of you who are unfamiliar with what a regularity event is, here is a short explanation of how this event ran. The event is not a race. Each team must consist of a minimum of 3 cars and 4 drivers. On Saturday each team member must practice and nominate a lap time that they can consistently maintain for the duration of their track time during the event on Sunday. Penalties apply for slower or faster lap times than nominated. Each team has a competing car on the track at any given time.

As you can imagine there was a huge diversity of vehicles in the event. Quite daunting if you are a novice driving an 80kw rally car geared to 160kph with 400kw 250kph race cars on the track at the same time.

Our team consisted of Adam Bloomfield in his V8 Commodore, Graeme Hurle and Beth Kidgell both driving the Hurle Escort, Peter Morrison in the Hyundai with 9 lives, Bernie Spowell in his AE82 Corolla, and Graeme Begelhole in the Mustang. Mick Kelly was initially the team manager, but a change in work hours meant that he couldn't do that anymore, so with fear and trepidation I took over the job. Surprisingly and with a lot of help from Mick and others I fumbled my way through! I think we all had a much better day than the results would suggest (46<sup>th</sup> from 50)!!

Unfortunately the engine in Adam's Commodore spat the dummy (and some piston rings), so he did not compete on Sunday. Special mention needs to be made of Beth Kidgell's meteoric rise in confidence and skill over the weekend.

Many thanks to Jean Bellenger and the huge number of people who organised and ran the event, and also to our team and those who helped me out before and on the weekend, including: Alan Bloomfield who came back on Sunday and spent all day timing, Graeme Kidgell for helping me out on the pit wall all day, Wendy Hurle, and James Begelhole who tried very hard to teach me how to use a digital stopwatch. At some stage I was seen carrying a large clock out to the pit wall! Thanks also to Beegs and Mick for help with book in.

See you sideways, Bruce Dunn.

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

Hi everyone, well after a spate of wet weather, the Begonia Rally to be held around Daylesford on the 15<sup>th</sup> of August looked like being a wet event, but fortunately the preceding few days the sun stayed out and with some wind let the roads dry out a bit. It was to be a combined VRC/VCRS event with 33 and 46 starters respectively.

The Allan's works crew drove up Friday night to attend the VRC driver briefing and book in at the Ballarat light car club rooms at the Ballarat Aerodrome, leaving their service crew to bring their vehicle and gear up Saturday morning and have it ready by 8am while they enjoyed their 3 course breakfast around the hotel swimming pool (they wish). We arrived at the Daylesford sports oval to a beautiful rally morning, the place was a buzz with people and rally cars. We found an area, unloaded the car and set up the director's chairs with their driving suits warmed to their requirements draped over the top. We were a little disappointed when they arrived 5 minutes late and their suits had chilled slightly, we apologized profusely.

Seriously though it was great to see so many rally cars in the one spot at the one time. After looking the service and spectator instructions we figured we had time to visit the 1<sup>st</sup> spectator point see our car and still make it to service in plenty of time. The point was a 5 way intersection with the spectators arriving on one road for the 1<sup>st</sup> pass of the competing vehicles across the top of the 'T' and then they would return 12 min. later from another road that would enter the point in a 'V' i.e. a very hard left turn separated from the 1<sup>st</sup> run only by hay bales, while this was great spectator point especially as both passes had bumps in the middle with quite a few vehicles getting air, it could get quite nasty if one vehicle got out of shape and strayed into the path of another and so was changed after the VRC and before the VCRS ran through. It was on this stage that our crew came to grief with an under bonnet fire (contrary to the Chinese whispers where the car had rolled). While the fire was put out quickly and effectively, it burnt too much of the wiring to allow the car to start again (bloody computers). While getting the car out of the bush, finding somewhere to clean it and then arriving at the final service, we learnt that the PAC crew of David Nutter/ Catherine Taylor had rolled their WRX 600m into the 3<sup>rd</sup> stage, both are well. Warren Lee/ David Lethlean had pulled out with an alternator problem at service so while this is all unfortunate it also means that 2<sup>nd</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> place for the championship will go down to the wire at the Akedemos in Alexandra on the 18<sup>th</sup> of October.

The winners of the Begonia (VRC) were Mark Fawcett/ Carrie Morris in a Subaru WRX followed by Geoff Portman/ Ross Runnalls nearly 3 min. later in a 27 year old Commodore and another 3min. later by Michael Conway /Jenny Cole in a 30 year old Escort. 1<sup>st</sup> PAC crew home was Kylie Evans/Hayden Taylor in a Subaru RS in 9<sup>th</sup> while in 12<sup>th</sup> and the 1<sup>st</sup> of the Excels was Peter Morrison/ Susan Wasson and then in 15<sup>th</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Excel Kimberley Barson/ Brenton Kaitler, and in 19<sup>th</sup> position was the WRX of Wayne Stewart/ Lucas Zinsstag. Of the 30 VRC starters 11 DNF, including Steve and Lauren Kenway who had gearbox selection problems in the 1<sup>st</sup> stage

The VCRS component was won by Andrew Bell/Ari Paterson in a Bluebird, 3 minutes behind was Simon and Ian Ellis in a Subaru Legacy and then another 2 minutes to Mark Millar/Dion Clayton in the 240Z. 1<sup>st</sup> Pac crew home was Graeme Hurle/Elizabeth Kidgell who finish 24<sup>th</sup> in their Escort, 28<sup>th</sup> was Simon Isley/ Mathew Petersen in a TA22 Celica and then 30<sup>th</sup> spot was Russell Woollard/Jesse Robison in a Datsun Stanza. The DNF ratio was a lot better here with only 12 of the 47 starters not finishing, amongst them Adam Bloomfield/Rebecca Sharlott with a blown motor finally and Phil Hurle/ Mahra Villis with a broken alternator bracket.

So till next time have fun in the forest, Dale

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

PAC has 196 members, including 3 Honorary Life Members, 157 Adults and 36 juniors. Unfortunately we have 16 un-financial members.

Could all members, please, check the date on the address label on each Oil Rag you receive, to see if you need to renew your membership? We, the club, need to send extra reminders to at least 30 members every month to advise membership is due. If you do not intend to rejoin the club please send a short email to me advising me of same.

Thank you, Alan Bloomfield

## *A Rally Report – David Nutter*

### The Begonia rally has been rolled over and rolled over.

The 'short' report from the Begonia Rally staged out of Ballarat and Daylesford at the weekend is 'short' because David Nutter and Catherine Taylor in the DNFUCrt (David Nutter Ford Used Car rally team) car came to a quick ending after they tripped over on a small bank at the edge of the road and rolled. With the car landing on its side, their event was finished. This was disappointing as in the second stage they set the fastest time.

It was a rally of attrition, as Ross and Scott Allen DNF (did not finish) due to an oil line failure and fire. W Lee and D Lethlian DNF because their alternator failed, and that left a new game plan. Some good driving from Ian Martin with Roslyn Martin in the co-drivers chair saw them placing well, only to be slowed by brake gremlins.

M Fawcett and C Morris won the event, with B Semmens & D Leoncini, and G Portman & R Runnels hot on their heels (subject to official confirmation). I slowed the proceedings as volunteers pushed the car onto its wheels and drove it off the side of the road so the event could keep moving. It was a great display of professionalism showing what happens if someone has an "off", as the first cars on the scene were the I and R Martin team, who quickly helped Cat and I exit the car, which we were struggling with because it was on one side. The other door was difficult to open so the shortest exit was through the windscreen. Also the next car stopped with W Stewart and L Zinstag on board and the stage was stopped. The (FIV) first intervention vehicle was on the scene within seconds, and when Cat and I were transported just a few hundred metres back to the beginning of the stage, the medical crew worked very quickly to suss us out for any damage and do risk management reporting. Fortunately we came out without any apparent bruising, although I did get a few pieces of glass imbedded in my hands and elbow after helping remove the windscreen. An interesting side issue was the 'HANS' (Head & Neck Restraint) device, which is designed to protect the neck from injury in an accident, did the job, but became a hazard, as it became difficult to move around the car or see what was where. So the helmet & HANS device had to be removed, which required the gloves to come off so the helmet strap could be undone, hence the bare hands exposure to glass.

The car looked a bit sad with plastic and glass hanging off all over the place. The car was back in the workshop the next morning at 8.30 with the DNFUCrt service crew from the David Nutter Ford used car workshop examining the state of affairs. On examination it was revealed how strong the roll cage by Fabrications held the integrity of the car in place. The crew is looking forward to keeping the paint on the car.

The official drivers briefing held at Kings Cars where they had patron of the event and special guest- ex Australian Rally Champion Driver- Ed Ordinski doing a ballot-draw for the first 3 cars on the road. This set the stage for a very professional and well run event by the crew from the Ballarat Light Car Club. The next event is on the 18<sup>th</sup> of October, out of Alexander and Thornton and will be the last event for the year.



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### **REAR VIEW MIRROR**

1979

This edition had a full club calendar for 1979. Interestingly we were scheduled to run 7 Autocross meetings and not one motorkhana. The trials (rally) director reported there were 33 events to be run in our area (West Gippsland) for the year.

So you could wear out a Rally car without having to drive through Melbourne in those days.

1989

By 89 we had run out of time to plan 12 months ahead so the calendar was the 2 to 3 month format that we still use. The editor, Glad Fish was excited about getting an article contributed by a non committee member. (that sort of thing still gets editors excited). The Treasurer reported a bank balance of \$2,578-90 and an increase in the full membership fee to

\$20-00.

1999

The points score for the activity award was in this edition. The editor was obviously trying to embarrass STEPHEN CRAIG. He was the ONLY member listed in EQUAL 147<sup>th</sup> place with a tally of zero points. It's terrible the way some members in a position of influence treat their mates. Don't worry Craigy we won't be able to do that to you this year, your duties at the Yakkerboo Trial will have earnt you some points.