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The Monthly Newsletter of the Pakenham Auto Club
APRIL 2010



Adam Bloomfield in action

**** May Club Meeting & Olde BP Rally ****

PAC will be running the book-in and start control for the Olde BP Rally.

The Rally starts at the Cardinia Club in Racecourse Rd Pakenham. When the competitors leave Pakenham they will be travelling to Sale, then over the high country to Benalla for a breakfast stop. Then a daytime section will take them to Swan Hill where they will enjoy a welcome overnight break. Saturday they will head into the Mallee for a 3 hour break in Sealake. Saturday night they will head for Ballarat arriving in the wee hours of Sunday morning for event finish.

PAC will be making the start of this event our monthly meeting. Book-in is from 5pm. I need some people to help run the book-in. Please contact Glad enquiries@grayn.com.au or ring me on 0410148058 if you can help at 5pm, no experience needed. At 5.30 we need to set up the start control, the first car will start at 6pm, please contact me if you can help on start control. Otherwise just come and see the cars. We will be meeting at the back of the Cardinia club in the back car park, the book-in area is inside the club. Meals will be available from 5pm. I do not know how many entrants yet, but if there are 60 and they depart at 2 minute intervals, they will all be gone by 8pm, so you will have to come early to see the action. Please contact me soon if you are able to assist, it will be good pr for the PAC.

The May general meeting will only go ahead if there enough people in attendance after the start of the rally. Please note, no-one will be at Llinc, so don't arrive there. Instead head to the Cardinia Club early.

CLUB CONTACTS

Web Site: www.pakenhamautoclub.org.au **Egroup:** groups.yahoo.com/group/pacautoclub

Postal: PO Box 31 Pakenham VIC 3810

Meeting Venue – Linc Henry St Pakenham, enter from the right hand side of the building, the meeting room is upstairs, towards the rear of the building

2010 MANAGEMENT TEAM

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President's Report - Glad Fish

We are already 4 months into 2010. Membership is gradually increasing and more members are participating in events. Our ground in McGregor Rd feels more like home with a book-in office and toilet. Our tractor and club cars are now stored on a nearby farm. Are there any members who have not yet visited our McGregor Rd facility? You just go south from the Pakenham by-pass on McGregor rd as far as the electricity pylons, our facility is on the right. Come down and have a look one day. In fact a good day to drop in would be Sunday 2nd May. That is the day PAC is running a round of the Victorian Motorkhana Championship. It is also the first time Council have allowed us to invite competitors from other clubs to compete at McGregor Rd. We are expecting about 40 competitors. There will be catering provided so it will be an interesting fun day, worth spectating at.

I would like to see more members at our club meetings. We usually meet at LLINC in Henry St, however we do hold some meetings at other interesting venues. Next month, the club meeting will be on Thursday 6th May. That is the start date of the Old BP Rally. PAC will be running the start control as well as looking at all the competing cars and meeting the drivers.

See article May Club Meeting & Olde BP Rally. This will be a great night out for the whole family, look at the cars and have dinner with the competitors at the Cardinia Club.

Dear Friends of The Grayn,

It is with great regret that we have to inform you that Glad, Glenda, Ray and Nick will no longer be running The Grayn Restaurant. The last 9 months have been a challenge for us. As you all know, Glenda has been under going treatment for breast cancer. Glenda is doing well, or may be I should say, as well as can be expected. She has been through chemo, 2 lots of surgery and is now facing radiotherapy. Then she needs time to recuperate, some time to herself and some family time. The demands of running her restaurant, as she has for the past five and a half years is asking too much of her.

This has been a very hard decision for us to make. However we will be saying farewell to an exciting and rewarding time that we spent together at The Grayn. A time during which we have made many wonderful friends. Our staff, our customers, our suppliers, our service people and other local businesses.

We believe that the new owners will be taking The Grayn Restaurant in a new direction and will probably change the name. Pakenham will lose its finest restaurant. We know that The Grayn will always be remembered, as it was, an award winning restaurant providing the best food and service in the district, a friendly, welcoming place to relax and be waited on, all of our customers being treated like friends. We will miss you all.

Our last day at The Grayn will be Sunday 9th May after Mothers' Day lunch. You have just over two weeks to have your last meal at The Grayn. Please make a booking to come in and say good-bye to us. If you have, or have given, a gift voucher don't miss out on redeeming it.

Glad, Glenda, Ray and Nick

Secretary – Fred Jasher

Minutes of the General Meeting - April 1st, 2010

Opened : 8.10 pm

Apologies : SG, LP, AKB, MK

Prev Min : Moved as correct. FJ 2nd IW

Matters arising: Group 5 to be advised that PAC accept their invitation to join. F. Jasher to write letter of acceptance. Feasibility study for PAC to introduce swap meets at McGregor Rd Date to be determined by working group. J. Hill discussed toilet facilities.

Corresp. In: Westpac Statement, Club Magazines, Membership renewals, Traf T & M Statement.

Cardinia Shire rep called J. Hill re dust at Khanacross - Water truck needed to suppress dust.

E. Eastwood requires drums back, F. Jasher to arrange drums to replace those that E. Eastwood wants back.

Corresp Out : Nil

Treasurer Report: Investment Accounts \$88,256.54, Westpac Cheque Account \$1,659.87

Acc for Payment: \$3,200 for PIARC for 6 Hour Reliability trial on August 7/8, \$354.65 – J. Hill for Stationary. \$30 to VCAS for 2010 Affiliation fee, and as submitted by A. Upton

Receipts : \$220 – Test & Tune Day, \$275 – Motorkhana – 14 Feb, and as submitted by A. Upton. Moved Alan Upton, 2nd J. Hill

Membership : 3 Honorary Life, 145 Adult, 34 Juniors; Total 182 & 30 un-financial.

Rally : 1st VCRS Bonnie Doon April 17th – NECC, field of 60, however 93 entries received.

Speed : Maffra results out for VCAS round, 81 entries, Next VCAS @ Melton April 11th. Phillip Island 6 Hr Reliability Trial on August 8th, 11 entries from PAC.

Club Cars : NIL

CAMS : NIL to report

AOMC : NIL to report

Motorkhana : March 21 K/Cross ran, 25 entries. VMC Werribee April 18th. Group 5 motorkhana April 24th. PAC VMC round May 2nd, permit approved. Motion proposed by P. Morrison to purchase new stop watches, 2nd I. Williams, Motion carried. P. Morrison to arrange.

Editor : Articles needed.

Meeting Co-ordinator : NIL

Social Activities co-ordinator. CARnival in Echuca October 1-4.

Toorong Falls. NIL to report

Scorer & Web Master. NIL to report

Social : NIL

Gen Bus: To discuss purchase of 20' container at next meeting.

Next General Meeting at Pakenham Racecourse on May 6th for start of BP Rally.

Meeting closed 9.45pm.

Edited minutes of the committee meeting 15/4/10

Attendees : Glad F, Alan U, Stephen G, John H, Peter M, Leon P, Alan B

Apologies : Nil

Previous minutes : read

Matters arising : WHK still to be approached re advertising in to Oilrag – SG to attend to.

: Rally training day – being organised

: Discussion re the investigation of the purchase of two 20 foot shipping containers was omitted.

Correspondence In : Invoices from - CAMS for VMC permit, Netregistry for web hosting.

Correspondence Out: Letter to group 5 accepting invitation to join the series

Rally : General discussion re entries for VCRS and some events being over-subscribed (read Bonnie Doon) discussion on ways to combat this to make sure series competitors can enter – result Adam Bloomfield to progress as he feels best.

Yakkerboo – who will be our director for next year?

Treasurer's report : Investment account \$88,819.39, Westpac account balance \$1,411.14, Total of \$90,230.53
Payments to be made: \$295 to CAMS for VMC permit, \$12.87 to Hardy's, \$191.40 for web hosting

Stale cheques totalling \$79.34 to be cancelled – not reflected in the totals above

Moved Alan U, Seconded JH

Motorkhana : 24th April twilight meeting Part of group 5 series

: PAC VMC, Nick Wright is Clerk of Course, Sue Wasson is event secretary (being assessed for Administration certificate), David Isherwood is scrutineer, Alan Bloomfield is steward, Nick is scorer, Peter Evans, Peter Morrison, Sue Wasson, Leon Prosser are time keepers, arranging for a food van to come, Flags to be 750mm high minimum

Membership : 186 adults, 37 juniors, 196 total (huh?? – Ed) 23 un-financial, 1 new junior member

Point score : Mitch questioned why the Activity award is scored as it is, to be discussed at a future committee meeting, he also questioned why don't we award points for the submission of Oilrag articles, the committee members get pints for joining committee, similar for people doing special jobs, i.e. cams delegate when not on committee.

General business : Leon P moved that Susan be approached to take over management of the web page, seconded John H. Moved.

Meeting closed 10pm.

Autocross Director - Alan Bloomfield

Below are the results for PAC member from round 3 of the VCAS held at Melton. Apart from a very slippery and boggy start to the day, a great time was had by all.

Adam Bloomfield 1st in class, 9th outright
David Shaw 2nd in class behind Adam, 21st outright
Allen Cartledge 3rd in class, 22nd outright, driving the same Superbug as David
Aaron Gallagher 4th in class and 53rd outright
Angela Bloomfield 3rd in class and 33rd outright
Stephen Gallagher 6th in class and 42nd outright

Membership Secretary - Alan Bloomfield

We currently have 3 Honorary Life members, 186 Adult members and 37 Juniors giving a total of 226. We also have 23 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.

Motorkhana Co-ordinator - Peter Morrison

Well folks, whilst April has been a quiet month, with no club Motorkhana or Khanacross, that is all about to change in May with 2 events scheduled.

On Sunday May 2, PAC will be hosting the 3rd round of the Victorian Motorkhana Championship at McGregor Road. The Motorkhana community has shown a fair bit of interest in this round, as it will be the first opportunity for non-PAC club members to compete there. The surface will be an unknown for many, and the large competition area available ensures that we will not be restricted in the tests that we run, as was the case with previous events at Tooradin.

The committee and other helpers have been working hard preparing for the event, which will be ably directed by Nick Wright. Catering has been organised for the day, and it will be possible to purchase lunch at the venue, as well as the drinks and snacks normally on offer.

This event provides PAC members with an interest in Motorkhana a great opportunity to experience a state championship round, where some of the best exponents of the sport in Australia get to demonstrate their skills. The atmosphere is friendly with a great camaraderie among competitors, and of course there are the purpose built Specials to admire. If you are interested in competing, don't be daunted by the fact that it is a State Championship Round, come along and have a go. In the past, PAC members have done extremely well at this round. If you don't intend competing, come along and cheer on the PAC members that are. Supplementary Regulations and Entry Forms are included with this Oil Rag and are also available from the PAC website.

Sunday May 23rd will see the club host its second Khanacross for the year at McGregor Road. It is intended to run this as a multi-club event, so numbers should be up on the previous event, which had 25 competitors. Supplementary Regulations will be out very soon so keep checking the Web Site and get you entry in early.

Editor - Stephen Gallagher

Hi everyone, over the last few committee meetings we have been discussing ways to get urgent information out to members quickly when required. As part of this we would like to utilise the current Egroup better. Via this Egroup, any member is able to post a message that can be read by all members on the group. You can also have an email sent to you at various intervals keeping you up to date with postings. This group can be used for advising members of last minute changes to events along with general updates. Therefore we ask that all club members visit the group at groups.yahoo.com/group/pacautoclub and request membership to the group.

Also we have re-introduced adverting to the Oilrag which has been missing for a few years. We have set the rates at \$50 p.a. for a 1/8th of a page and \$90 for a 1/4 page ad. Please contact me if you would like place an ad.

Club Scorer - Mitch Garrad

Hi everyone,

The club Competition Championship Points are detailed below. Please remember to send me the results for any events you enter so they can be scored.

Place	Name	Total	Motorkhana	VCAS-1	VCAS-2	Khanacross	VMC-1
1	Gallagher Stephen	23	11		4	8	
2	Gallagher Aaron	22	11		1	10	
3	Bloomfield Angela	21		11	10		
4	Cartledge Alan	20		11	9		
5	Morrison Peter	17	7			10	
6	Wells Jarryd	16	10			6	
7	Williams Ian	14	9			5	
8	Prosser Leon	13	7			6	
=9	Brown-Sarre Debbie	12	11			1	
=9	Evans Tom	12			1	11	
=9	White John	12	10			2	
=12	Rawlings Bruce	11				11	
=12	Rayson Findlay	11				11	
=12	Isherwood David	11					11
=15	Rawlings Adam	10				10	
=15	Shaw David	10			10		
=15	Wasson Sue	10	7			3	
=18	Brown-Sarre Jack	9	9				
=18	Evans Eli	9			9		
=18	Inkster Tom	9				9	
=18	Shaw Paul	9				9	
=18	Wyatt Greg	9				9	
=23	Ahearn Mitch	8				8	
=23	Hind Nathan	8				8	
=25	Bryant Russ	7				7	
=25	Evans Simon	7			7		
=25	Rawlings Hannah	7				7	
=25	Wells Daniel	7	6			1	
=29	Bloomfield Alan	6		4	2		
=29	Evans Jackson	6			6		
=29	Wells Keith	6	5			1	
32	Vermeer Rob	4				4	
=33	Hammill Russ	1				1	
=33	Shaw Greg	1				1	

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REAR VIEW MIRROR

1980

There were reports on our participation in the Yakkerboo procession, the Rutherglen wine weekend and a going away party to be held for Storky Dixon. No mention of any actual motorsport activity, so we were obviously a much more sociable bunch 30 years ago.

1990

Steve Craig reported on his activities in a Carney owned Escort at a Motorkhana (beaten by a whole horde of Pugs) and got excited about his performance in his Commodore at Phillip Island. He also had the opportunity to let Jim Richards do a couple of laps in his car at Calder. Jim's verdict, "needs more grip".

2000

There is a picture on the cover of John Carney receiving his Honorary Life Membership. Ten years of no membership payments, that must be why he can afford to holiday in Italy. There are also lots of pictures of the industrious activity that was going into the new Autocross track and facilities.