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The Monthly Newsletter of the Pakenham Auto Club
MAY 2010



A reminder of some of the McGregor Rd clean up undertaken

Rally Officials Training

This is a session the club is running for members who want to learn more about helping out at rallies. Maybe you have done a road closure and would like to step up to a start/finish control. This is for you. It will be held this Sunday, May 30th at the club's McGregor Road grounds, starting at 1pm and finishing by 4pm. The address is 335 McGregor Road, Pakenham.

The session will commence with a briefing about the requirements to be a rally official. This will be followed by some practical exercises which will provide "hands on" experience of actual rally start/finish controls. The exercises will include the sorts of scenarios regularly encountered by rally officials, particularly control officials. Participants will have the opportunity to experience various roles including handling of time cards, passage controls, vias, etc. Anyone with an interest in rallying is welcome to attend. Trainee Official licences will be able to be obtained on the day.

June General Meeting

Tint – A – Car will be attending our June meeting to discuss what services they offer.

There will also be trophies will be presented for recent events, so if you are due one (or two) please come along to collect them

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President's Report - Glad Fish

Another Khanacross has been run and won. Well done Fred and the team. Nick, John & I spent the day timing the competitors. It started out being a nice sunny day, but became very cold, but at least there was no dust or rain. With a field of less than 30, each competitor was able to attempt 8 different courses. Flags marking the courses were difficult for the officials to see at the far end of the test. I think we need to source more barrels. We also need to have a working-bee to paint the barrels to make the whole area look more attractive to the general public. This could be a job for junior members.

Next club night we have an interesting guest who will talk to us about window tinting, please come along and show Sharon & Steve that we appreciate them giving up their time for us. There will also be presentation of recently won trophies, a raffle, a display of club merchandise, and as usual we will finish the evening with free supper.

This Sunday we are running a control official's training day, starting at 1pm. This will be a fun day, with a mock rally where competitors present some challenges to the officials. We will need drivers, navigators and of course lots of trainee officials. Come along for a fun afternoon, and be recognised for what you learn. This is another free activity.

I am running our next PAC motorkhana and am planning some novelty tests as well as some old favourites. We will start with a "Come and Try" session, so invite some young friends to see what we do in the car club. The come and try session is free.

Happy motoring. From Glad

Membership Secretary - Alan Bloomfield

We currently have 3 Honorary Life members, 160 Adult members and 37 Juniors, giving a total membership of a neat 200.

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.

Club Scorer - Mitch Garrad

Hi everyone,

The scores are the same this month as last. I will have them updated for next month. If you have any questions just e-mail me and should hopefully answer them.

Editor - Stephen Gallagher

Hi all,

Note a lot to say this month, except thanks to all those who ran the Khanacross, I had a great day.

Also I have copy of the (new) state council minutes for May, contact me if you want a copy.

Finally a reminder that 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.

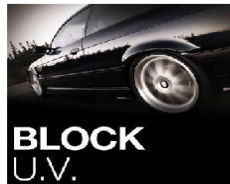


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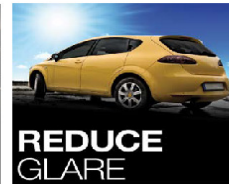
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Secretary – Fred Jasher

Minutes of the General Meeting - May 6th, 2010

- Meeting Opened** : 8.05pm
- Apologies** : Annette & Adam Bloomfield
- Previous Minutes** : Moved as correct. I. Williams 2nd M. Kelly
- Matters arising** : NIL
- Correspondence In** : Winton Historic Meeting end of May, entry tickets given to Tim Craig. Vicroads letter re Club Permit Scheme. Moved – M. Kelly, 2nd T. C.
- Correspondence Out** : Letter to “Group 5” accepting their invitation to join the Group 5 series.
- Treasurer’s Report** : Carried over.
: Accounts for Payment - AON account for \$287.48 for tractor insurance.
Moved A. Bloomfield, 2nd J. White.
: Receipts - Income from Motorkhana \$1,280, Catering was approximately \$300
Moved Alan Upton 2nd F Jasher
- Membership** : Held Over

Rally : Report as attached
Speed : VCAS - Next round is this Saturday at Bagshot.
Club Cars : Nil
CAMS delegate : Change back to State Council structure, Technical committee to be reconstituted.
AOMC : NIL to report
Motorkhana : Group 5 ran a night motorkhana.
 Motion of thanks to Peter, Sue & Ian for the PAC VMC round.
 Moved J. Hill, 2nd J. Carney.
 There were 45 entries. 11 tests conducted, Ian smoothed the course with a new “gismo” according to J. Hill., Sue Wasson successfully passed CAMS license test for Admin.
Editor : Articles needed.
Meeting Co-ordinator ; Potential guest speaker discussed - Amber Anderson who drives V8 Supercars Safety car.
Social Activities co ordinator. NIL
Toorong Falls : NIL
Scorer : Needs results from events
Social : Discussion regarding Echuca weekend.
Swap Meet : J Hill appointed as chairman of swap meet committee
Gen Bus : NIL
 Next General Meeting at Linc on Thursday, June 3rd
Meeting closed 8.35pm.

Condensed Minutes of committee meeting 20/5/10

Meeting opened : 8.05pm
Present : GF, PM, JH, SG, Alan B, AU, Bernie Sprowell
Apologies : Adam B, Fred
Minutes of last meeting: Read, Moved as correct Alan B, 2nd John H.
 Matters arising
 - Rally officials training day

- o 1pm – 4pm
- o Attendees Glad, Nick, Mitch, Bloomfield’s x 3, John H, Alan U
- o Need to get – Rally clocks, cards

 - Club Point Score

Activity undertaken	Points
o Spectator (at * events)	1
o Social event attendance	2
o General Meeting attendance	2
o Oilrag article submission (non-committee)	2
o Team member – “official”	3
o Competitor	3
o Participant in “test and Tune Day” day	3
o Introducing a new member to PAC	4
o Event Officials	5
o Working Bee attendance	5
o Oilrag collating	5
o Catering	5
o Management team (committee)	10 (per annum)
o Member of the Month	10

 Moved John H, 2nd Stephen G
Membership : 3 life members, 160 adults, 37 juniors, 200 total, 21 are un-financial
 : 2 new members - David Musgrove, Hayley Hunter
Treasury : \$88,819.39 in the investment account, \$1,411.14 in the operating accounts
 To be added - \$1,165 from memberships, \$1,456.10 from VMC, \$675.50 March khanacross.
 Moved Alan U, 2nd John H.
Speed – VCAS : Bendigo, well run meeting however there was 100 entries, only 2 cars on track at a time, went very late – 11.30, Alan Bloomfield will complain about the number of entries and therefore the time it took to run, at the next VCAS meeting.
Speed – Bitumen : Welcome of Bernie to Committee
 Future events, May 30th Bryant Park running “figure of 8” track, June 18th PIARC sprint at Phillip Island

Our 6 hour team members

PAC Team A
Adam Bloomfield
Graeme Hurle
Peter Morrison
Bruce Dunn
Beth Kidgell
Sue Wasson

PAC team B
Alan Bloomfield
Russell Bryant
Bernard Sprowell
Angela Bloomfield
Russell Hammill
John Carney

- Motorkhana** : PAC VMC round – run and won, went smoothly
Motion from Peter M - “We have been approached by other clubs requesting the use of our ground, and would like PAC to approach the council to have the permit changed to allow other clubs to run selected multi-club events at the ground”
Motion 2nd Alan B, Motion defeated 2:2 - one abstain.
- Motorsports complex** : Article in the paper, it appears that McGregor Rd is the preferred location for council.
- Meeting closed** : 10:19

Bitumen Speed Director – Bernie Sprowell

My name is Bernie, I have been in the club for about 6 years and have also filled the role of treasurer for one year. I have been asked to oversee tarmac speed events.

Due to financial problems over the past 12 months I have done very little competing, but I hope to become active having fun again soon. My first love is doing circuit sprints, but I have also had a lot of fun doing the Vcas autocross in past years. The club will now start advertising some sprints and hillclimbs in the calendar, and some events will be club point scoring ones.

On the 'clean side', our biggest event of the year is the Phillip Island 6 Hour Relay which is fast approaching. The club has two teams entered this year, which will add to the inter club rivalry, pitching team against team. We are serious, but not too serious, fun is the number one! I am in team B (for best), running my Ae82 Corolla for the 3rd year. For a 1987 1.6L it was a jet in its day with 96kw from the factory, now over the tonne with a few minor mods, power is good but I am still trying to improve the suspension so that I can use the power because the little race car still understeers badly, and I lose time in the corners. Two years running a little Excel rally car has been faster with only 70 odd kw, but better suspension I think. Power is not everything. There are many facets to making a car fast.

Any support on August 7 and 8 would be appreciated, especially in team management; WE NEED TWO TEAM MANAGERS. Anyone that can commit to helping please contact myself on 0410 097642 or Alan Bloomfield.

Well, watch this space and see you at the meetings...and maybe come and cheer the SFM Toyota on at the 6 Hour.

Bernie.

Ps. Here's hoping our McGregor Rd bumpy land has not stuffed my rear suspension from competing at the First Khanacross this year. It's not set up for the bumps!

Autocross Director - Alan Bloomfield

The Swan Hill Short Course Club is again running the Annual Two Day Race Meeting on the Queens Birthday long weekend, Saturday June 12th and Sunday 13th.

Here are the details from Ted Paynter from SHSCC. As Jade Lawson (the VCAS Chairman) will be going I will leave it up to you to contact Jade to let him know you are coming as SHSCC like to have an idea over numbers.... Please email Jade kylielawson@optusnet.com.au or call him on 9558 3471

This is an epic weekend and if you are a serious autocrosser, or just enjoy driving on different tracks, I cannot recommend this event enough... The track is nothing like any of the other tracks we drive on and even for sheer driving time, is still more than worth the effort...

The cost for the weekend is \$70 for a day licence for racing which covers both days, camping on site and racing fees. Food will be extra.

This year they are charging for each meal and these need to be paid for, before the meal. Tickets can be pre-purchased any time prior to each meal. The earlier in the weekend would be appreciated to make catering easier. Saturday night is a Bar-b-que, Sunday breakfast Egg and Bacon sandwiches and any leftover meat from the previous evening. Sunday lunch is soup and hotdogs in bread.

Camping is allowed at the grounds. There are toilet facilities but no showers. The club room can be used for sleeping in, if you wish.

A current NASR licence is required and will need to be produced. If you do not have one, a Day Licence will need to be purchased, but this covers both days of racing.

Saturday scrutineering will start at 1.00pm and racing will start at 2.00pm. Cars will only need to be scrutineered once before racing over the both days. Cars that cannot be there at the beginning will be scrutineered after arriving as soon as a scrutineer is available.

A break will be held for tea, timed to allow the sun to set and not be dangerous.

Sunday racing will start after breakfast, probably about 8.30am. A break will be held for lunch and racing will cease at 2.00pm. The area needs to be cleared by 4.00pm.

The Swan Hill Short Course Race track is situated 10 km from Swan Hill on the SeaLake Road at the Jack Chisholm Motor Racing Complex. The track is situated at the back of the complex.

For further information Ted and Lynne Paynter can be contacted on 503762629 (After hours) or 0428557 512 or emailed at lpaynter@people.net.au

Rally Co-ordinator – Adam Bloomfield

Hey there Rally enthusiasts,

East Gippsland Stages was run on Saturday 15th May. What a great event. I personally found it to be the fastest rally I have ever been in so it pushed me out of my comfort zone which was good. We had two bent rims and a flat that caught fire as the axle seal spewed oil onto the tyre and the heat set it alight which was exciting for a moment. We saw Troy Donoghue on SS5 nicely parked backwards on a ridge going no where fast after a long sweeping downhill corner. There is already footage from spectator point 2 (day run, night run and excel footage) on YouTube (but there is no sound which is disappointing) and I'm sure there will be usual in car camera footage on there soon. From what I heard everyone had a great time with lots of stories to tell.

Provisional results;

Outright;

4 th	Steve Kenway / Lauren Palmer	WRX
11 th	Ben MacKenzie	Datsun 1600
15 th	Dane Berry / Nathan Berry	Lancer EVO
16 th	Rohan Crouch / Troy Allott	Commodore
19 th	Mahra Villis	Excel
21 st	Peter Morrison / Susan Wason	Excel
25 th	Adam Bloomfield / Rebecca Sharlott	Commodore
28 th	Daniel Carney	Excel
29 th	John Carney	Excel
31 st	Kimberley Barson	Excel

DNF

Wayne Stewart / Lucas Zinsstag	WRX (Starter motor)
Troy Donoghue / Sean Gibson	Falcon (Off road SS5)

Also keep an eye out for the priority team registration proposal coming soon.

Motorkhana Co-ordinator - Peter Morrison

May has been a busy month with the club holding 2 events at McGregor Road.

Victorian Motorkhana Championship (VMC) Round 3

Earlier this year the club applied to Cardinia Shire Council to amend the conditions of use for our grounds at McGregor Road, to allow the running of a VMC Round. The application was successful, and John Hill is to be thanked for his efforts in achieving this.

Sunday May 2, was the date of our allotted VMC Round. Getting the event organized proved challenging, as there are a limited number of members with the necessary officials' licenses to run such an event, and a number of these members were unavailable on the day. We really do need more members to obtain the necessary CAMS Officials Licenses to spread the load.

Nick Wright agreed to direct the event, but given his commitments with several jobs, the sale of the Grayn Restaurant, etc., his time was limited to say the least. Fortunately, Sue Wasson was prepared to take on the Event Secretary Role, albeit as a Trainee. Sue's performance was assessed on the day, resulting in her obtaining a Bronze Event Administration Officials License. Well done Sue.

Ian Williams put the thinking cap on and designed 12 challenging tests for the day. The tests included a number of longer tests not often run at other VMC events due to limited space. Ian, John Hill and Sue Wasson are also to be thanked for setting up the tests the day prior to the event, and doing all of the other ground preparations. In fact John was so enthusiastic about the preparations that he graded the access road. A game move given the possibility of heavy rain turning it into a quagmire! Fortunately for John the heavens didn't open prior to or during the event.

The day itself was a great success, 45 entrants were treated to some great tests (11 of the 12 were able to be completed) on a surface that, for many of them, was new and challenging. This was especially so after a period of rain made things decidedly slippery. PAC members who competed acquitted themselves well, with John White winning Class C and David Musgrave coming 3rd, Ian Williams winning Class D, Debbie Brown-Sarre winning Class L with Angela Bloomfield 2nd, Rob Vermeer 2nd in the Novice class and Tom Evans 2nd in the Junior Class, Jack Brown-Sarre 3rd and Mitch Ahern 4th. Congratulations to all of you.

In a recent first for PAC, full catering was provided at the venue. Ray Garrad, ably assisted by Marj and Glenda, cooked up a fantastic selection of food, which was enjoyed by all.

Finally I would like to thank all of those who officiated on the day, David Isherwood for looking after Scrutiny, Leon Prosser, Tim Dalgarno, Peter Evans and Sue Wasson for timekeeping, John Hill and Ian Williams for changing tests, etc., Alan Bloomfield (club steward) and of course Nick Wright who oversaw it all and did the scoring. No wonder there were so many positive comments from the competitors!

Khanacross

May 23rd saw PAC run its second Khanacross for the year. Twenty six drivers participated in what can only be described as near perfect conditions, although the wet grass certainly made things challenging for the first few drivers each time there was a course change.

Provisional results should be included with this edition of the Oil Rag.

Thanks to those who made the event possible, Fred Jasher the Director, Glad Fish, Nick Wright and John Hill for Timekeeping, Sue Wasson for Scoring, Russ, Russ for Flag Marshalling and Angela Bloomfield and Aaron Gallagher for marshalling the cars in the start garage.

Next Event

The next event will be a Motorkhana and Come and Try on June 20th. Supplementary Regulations will be available on the PAC website soon.

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The president reported on a recent Autocross meeting that had been well attended and financially successful but had destroyed the track, meaning all the proceeds had to be used to restore the track. I seem to remember that happened a lot back then.

1990

Steve Craig reported on the Winton 24 hour race which was won by Maffra and District Car Club on handicap although the Porche club completed the most laps.

2000

The focus is still on the development of the facilities at Koo Wee Rup Road with lots of pictures from a working bee that was attended by more than 30 members. No Autocross activity out there to report on yet though!