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## Monthly Newsletter of the Pakenham Auto Club JUNE '07

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### CALENDAR

*7th June	General Meeting	8.00pm	Pakenham Hall
10 <sup>th</sup> June	Rally VRC round 3		Bega
*16 <sup>th</sup> June	Twilight Autocross VCAS round 4 - (PAC)	Contact Trevor Barson 97783469	Maffra
*17 <sup>th</sup> June	Stewards Course 9.30am – 4.00pm	Contact: bruce@cams.com.au	CAMS OFFICE
*17 <sup>th</sup> June	Dirt Motorkhana VMC round 6 - (PCCV)		Weeribee
*23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Nissan Nightmoves VCRS Round 3		
1 <sup>st</sup> July	Dirt Motorkhana G5 round 5 - (PIARC)		Moorabbin
*1 <sup>st</sup> July	Hillclimb GCC		Morwell
*5 <sup>th</sup> July	General Meeting	8.00pm Melbourne City Toyota	621 Elizabeth St Melbourne
*7 <sup>th</sup> July	Scrutineers Course 9.30am – 4.00pm	Contact: bruce@cams.com.au	
*8 <sup>th</sup> July	Motorkhana PAC	Rutter Reserve	Tooradin
14 <sup>th</sup> July	Winton Sprint	FFCC	
*15 <sup>th</sup> July	Khanacross GCC		Morwell
*28 <sup>th</sup> July	Autocross VCAS Round 5	MADCC	Maffra
*28 <sup>th</sup> July	Bitumen Motorkhana VMC 7	MUCC	Bendigo
*2 <sup>nd</sup> August	General Meeting	8.00pm	Pakenham Hall
3 <sup>rd</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup>			
August	Rally ARC 4		Sth Australia
*5 <sup>th</sup> August	Stewards Course 9.30am – 4.00pm	Contact:bruce@cams.com.au	CAMS OFFICE
*5 <sup>th</sup> August	Hillclimb GCC		Morwell
5 <sup>th</sup> August	Motorkhana TCCA		Weeribee
*19 <sup>th</sup> August	GCC Khanacross		Morwell
19 <sup>th</sup> August	Bitumen Motorkhana	VMC round 8 - (SDCC)	Shepparton
*25 <sup>th</sup> August	Autocross	VCAS round 6 - (CCC)	Bendigo
*1 <sup>st</sup> September	Touring Road Event Ivans Folly - (PCCV)		Rushworth
2 <sup>nd</sup> September	Dirt Motorkhana	HAC Interclub	
*6 <sup>th</sup> September	General Meeting	8.00pm	Pakenham
*8 <sup>th</sup> September	Bitumen Motorkhana VMC round 9 - (BCC)		Bendigo
*8 <sup>th</sup> September	GCC Club Hill climb	Gippsland Park	Morwell
*9 <sup>th</sup> September	Autocross VCAS round 7 - (FFCC)		Melton
14 <sup>th</sup> to 16 <sup>th</sup>			
September	Rally ARC round 5 NSW		
*16 <sup>th</sup> September	Dirt Motorkhana	PAC Rutter Reserve	Tooradin
22 <sup>nd</sup> September	VCRS round 5 – Begonia		
22 <sup>nd</sup> & 23 <sup>rd</sup>			
September	Bituman Motorkhana	AMC	Melbourne
*23 <sup>rd</sup> September	GCC Khanacross		Morwell
29 <sup>th</sup> & 30 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Victorian 6 Hour Club Regularity Relay		Phillip Island

Events marked \* will count towards club point scores.

## Presidents Report

After two and a half years with no where to run our Motorkhana's on a regular basis we have now negotiated the use of the Rutter Reserve at Tooradin for these events. Our first event down there will be on 8<sup>th</sup> July followed by a couple more later in the year and hopefully a more comprehensive programme for next year.

Now that we are running events on a regular basis again it does throw up another problem that has developed within the club. A shortage of licenced officials! We need more members to apply for licences in all categories but especially Event Command, Stewards and Scrutineers. We are particularly short of officials amongst the younger members, nearly all the officials I currently know of in the club are over forty. As a club looking to grow into the future we cannot continue to rely on the previous generation of competitors for our officials. They have all got other things in their lives they want to do. We must draw our licenced officials from the ranks of competitors. This does not mean you have to stop competing, if we all plan to be an official at one event for every five we run in we could run all our events with a pool of 6 Directors, 12 Stewards and 6 Scrutineers. 24 members out of a club with approximately 150 shouldn't be a problem! Rallies present a bit more of a challenge because they require huge numbers of officials, but the same principal applies. If you run in 5 rallies you should be more than willing to stand out in the bush for 6 hours or so while someone else has some fun. This is the way clubs work, or are supposed to work, members all working together so that everybody gets a go.

The inspiration for all this navel gazing on my part is a Stewards course to run at the C.A.M.S. office on 17<sup>th</sup> June 9-30 am. to 4-00 pm. I know the date is a problem given our V.C.A.S. round is the night before up at Maffra but it is important we get more licenced Stewards in the Club. So if you can make it to this course then phone up register your name.

For our July meeting we will be going to Melbourne City Toyota. We did this last year and it proved to be an interesting evening, with a brief talk on Toyota from Wayne Stewart (the dealer principal) and a look through the premises, which gave the more technically minded a chance to talk cars. So for something a bit different come along to 621 Elizabeth St. Melbourne (at that time of day it's easy to park) 8 pm. 5<sup>th</sup> July. It also makes it a bit easier for our many Melbourne based members to attend so hopefully the attendance will be a bit better than usual.

John Hill

## Rear View Mirror

1997

The President, John Carney, reported that "the club had been successful in obtaining a grant from Vic Sport for promotion of our sport to Junior members". John Murrell was handling the project on behalf of the club.

The results from our round of the Autocross Super Series (now V.C.A.S.) were published. Best P.A.C. performers were Owen Studd, Who won the Junior class, Mark Johnson, winner in class D and Roger Shaw, 2<sup>nd</sup> in class C.

1987

The Secretary, Glenys, reported on arriving for the general meeting to find half a dozen members standing in a demolished hall. But all ended well, as we found an empty house out the back to have our meeting in.

Dick Wood reported that our round of the Super Series (it's been around for a while now) had 75 entries.

The Treasurer, Hilly, (he's been around for a while too) reported a balance at 31/5/87 of \$2,394-88 which isn't too bad except that it represented our total cash assets. We didn't have an investment account in those days. An interesting event in the calendar was a "Tennis Day" at Hallam on 21<sup>st</sup> June. I suspect we picked the shortest day of the year in an attempt to limit the fatigue

1977

There are no Oil Rags in the File between March and July in 1977.

Guest speaker for the General meeting this Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> June will be a representative from Battery Zone.

So come along and find get all the goss on battery maintenance

**Hi Thrillseekers,**

On Saturday the 21<sup>st</sup> of April the 1<sup>st</sup> round of the VCRS series was run by the Ford Four Car Club, The (European) Spring 200. It is usually run in Australia's Spring but trying to find a date so as not to clash with Rally of Melbourne (who use the same forest) and maybe get a dry event FFCC changed their event to earlier in the year. It looked like being a dusty event with the drought in Victoria, but true to (Spring 200) form, on the day the heavens opened to give another foggy/wet event. The plotting for crews was a bit of a nightmare on the rooftop maps, finding the numbers on the maps, a few amendments and some tricky plotting, but once we were on the road it was pretty straight forward up until the part where a turn right was called and which I obliged a little early only to find ourselves in a bee apiary looking for an exit. The roads varied a lot, with fog/wet, tight/twisty and open/fast, and you find out why they use the Kalatha stage at Rally of Melbourne, it is AWESOME fun

With 51 starters, 7 crews from PAC, 120km competitive and 140km transport, it was going to be a long night. The 2<sup>nd</sup> competitive saw 2 PAC crews roll their car, finishing their event for the night. The 1<sup>st</sup> was Troy Donoghue/Sue McCready (both ok) in the XR6 Falcon who had trouble getting out of the vehicle with fuel leaking and locating door handle problems. They were helped by Rob Davis and David James in a sunny that was competing behind them. Graeme Hurlle and Beth Kidgell in an Escort also finished their night with a roll (both also ok). They also had problem getting out with the car on its side down an embankment then having to crawl out the window, after the guard holding the other door closed. Steve and Lauren Kenway night was also over when the fuel pump on their VR4 Gallant failed on the 3<sup>rd</sup> transport. There were 13 others who didn't finish the event with another 2 that had to cut and run to be classed as finishers

Andrew Taylor/Robin Smalley in a Mazda RX7 won the night; follow by a mere 7 seconds to Brian Semens/Dan Parry in a Nissan 200sx. Richard and Andrew McNay were 3<sup>rd</sup> in a VY Commodore Ute. A great night was had by Darren Roberts (PAC)/ Geoff Sheeran (NCCA) in their Toyota Sprinter by coming 5<sup>th</sup> outright. 1st Junior Cup and 11<sup>th</sup> outright in the newly painted Nissan bluebird (red/white/green) was Ross and Scott Allan. It is true that he was beaten by an old man in a 240k on the 2<sup>nd</sup> last stage, and there is no truth in the fact that he had fog and I, sorry, the old man in the 240k didn't. Dale Allan/Joann Roper (Datsun 240k) finished 26<sup>th</sup> and Dean Hasnat/Mathew Peterson in the VB Commodore were 27<sup>th</sup>.

The next VCRS is North Eastern Car Clubs daylight rally sprint out of Bonnie Doon on May 26<sup>th</sup>.

See you there.....Dale

FOR SALE. Green 2dr Escort, one owner, low kms, custom body work, log booked, lightened ( no motor, gearbox, diff etc), excellent mantel piece decoration.

NO TYRE KICKERS (they are gone too)

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**RALLY CREW REPORT**

On the 5<sup>th</sup> May the 2<sup>nd</sup> round of the V.R.C., the "East Gippsland Stages" was run out of Bairnsdale. It was the 1<sup>st</sup> event for the Robison Motorsport Team's WRX Subaru. They were in need of a top service mechanic to help Tom and Criag Sutton service for Jessie and Sam, but alas they couldn't find one so they asked me.

It was an early start, leaving Pakenham about 7am, we had to keep moving as we didn't want to be late. No one knew what time breakfast went off at McDonalds (isn't breakfast always off at McDonalds! Ed.) in Traralgon. That done we cruised to Bairnsdale Racecourse to be greeted by a fine and sunny day. A bit of discussion between crews over tyre choice and then off to the main drag of Bairnsdale for a driver briefing and ceremonial start. We were informed of a shortening of the event to approx 85Km. due to rain damage from the week before.

Jessie and Sam were car 5 on the road so we headed off early to Nowa Now for service, leaving Craig at Bruthen for a splash and dash (quick refuel) for Jessie and Sam. After setting up for service it was just a matter of playing the waiting game, you know the one, "No news is good news". Just before they arrived we got the word "Blown turbo and broken driveshaft". In they come and off to work we go, all petty straight forward, change the bits and check everything else is O.K. 2hr. service should give us plenty of time but the new Turbo didn't want to play ball and was proving difficult to get back on. We managed to get it all back together in time with help from a couple of other crews. I like the camaraderie associated with Rallying! Jessie tells us they won the 1<sup>st</sup> stage and were 2<sup>nd</sup> fastest on the 2<sup>nd</sup> stage after blowing the Turbo 3Km. from the finish. On the 3<sup>rd</sup> stage they broke the driveshaft so their times were well down. Off they went again after nightfall to tackle the last 3 stages, so we packed up and went spectating.

Back at the racecourse we find out they were 3<sup>rd</sup> fastest on the 7<sup>th</sup>, won the 8<sup>th</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> fastest on the 9<sup>th</sup> giving them 8<sup>th</sup> outright for the event, so with reliability issue sorted the car should be on the money.

There were 5 other P.A.C. full or part crews that started the event. The WRX Subaru of David Nutter / Catherine Taylor was 3<sup>rd</sup> outright behind the winning lancer of Justin Dowell / Matt Lee. Second place was Mark Fawcett / Simon Ellis in a Subaru. Steve and Lauren Kenway got 2<sup>nd</sup> in class and 9<sup>th</sup> outright in the VR4 Gallant. The Commodore of Tim Stuch / Nathan Paparella was 2<sup>nd</sup> 2WD and 18<sup>th</sup> outright, two places behind them were Emma Cugley / Joanne Robison in a Hyundai Excel who were also 1<sup>st</sup> in class and 3<sup>rd</sup> 2WD. The Excel of John Ernst / Browyn Metha finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in class and 25<sup>th</sup> outright, while the combination of Daniel Carney / Rachel Hale in their Excel were 3<sup>rd</sup> in class and 28<sup>th</sup> outright with brake problems.

Congratulations to all. Till next month Dale