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Monthly Newsletter of the Pakenham Auto Club

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CALENDAR

*2 nd August	General Meeting 8.00pm	Pakenham Hall
3 rd – 5 th August	Rally ARC 4	Sth Australia
*5 th August	Stewards Course 9.30am – 4.00pm Contact:bruce@cams.com.au	CAMS OFFICE
*5 th August	Hillclimb GCC	Morwell
5 th August	Motorkhana TCCA	Weeribee
*18 th August	Rich River Trial (See page 3 for details)	Ecucha
*19 th August	GCC Khanacross	Morwell
19 th August	Bitumen Motorkhana VMC round 8 (SDCC)	Shepparton
*25 th August	Autocross VCAS round 6 - (CCC)	Bendigo
*1 st September	Touring Road Event Ivans Folly - (PCCV)	Rushworth
2 nd September	Dirt Motorkhana HAC Interclub	
*6 th September	General Meeting 8.00pm	Pakenham
8 th September	Bitumen Motorkhana VMC round 9 - (BCC)	Bendigo
*8 th September	GCC Club Hill climb Gippsland Park	Morwell
*9 th September	Autocross VCAS round 7 - (FFCC)	Melton
14 th to 16 th September	Rally ARC round 5	NSW
22 nd September	VCRS round 5– Begonia	
22 nd & 23 rd September	Bituman Motorkhana AMC	Melbourne
*23 rd September	GCC Khanacross	Morwell
29 th & 30 th Sept	Victorian 6 Hour Club Regularity Relay	Phillip Island
*4 th October	General Meeting 8.00pm	Pakenham Hall
*14 th October	Autocross V.C.A.S. round 8 M.M.S.C	Melton
14 th October	Akademos Rally V.R.C. round 5	
*21 st October	Hillclimb G.C.C	Morwell
*21 st October	Motorkhana V.M.C. round 10 F.F.C.C.	to be advised
*27 th October	Yakkerboo Rally V.C.R.S. round 6 P.A.C	Neerim.
*1 st November	General Meeting	Pakenham
*4 th November	Khanacross	Morwell
9 th – 11 th November	A.R.C Round 6	Victoria
*11 th November	Motorkhana PAC	Tooradin
*17 th November Saturday	Autocross V.C.A.S Round 9 N.C.C.A	Kynton

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1977

Treasury report states the club financial situation has been steadily improving and now boasts a credit balance of **\$124.76** John Carney in a Capri, and John Hill were racing at Winton.

1987

Trials, Autocross, Sprints, Working Bees and a Trivia Night were on the calendar. The scrutiny bay was finished and the scoreboard painted. A water tank and kitchen sink installed. A verandah over the toilet block was also constructed.

1997

Pakenham Auto Club celebrated the 25th Anniversary holding a dinner dance at the Pakenham Public Hall. Carneys took out a family membership because Daniel wanted to start driving in Motorkhanas.





2007 Rich River Trial

We hope you will join us, as either a competitor or official, to establish this event over the next few years as one that will be a regular and popular fixture of the HRA rally calendar, catering for those who enjoy the adventure, discovery and endurance aspects of rallying just as much as the aspect of speed.

News Release #5: 15th July, 2007

Planning is well underway for the running of the 2007 Rich River Trial, to be held on Saturday 18th August, at Echuca on the Murray River in north-central Victoria.

The Rich River roads offer a fascinating variety of driving surfaces and conditions with a mixture of smooth, cambered earthen roads, tracks over undulating sand dune country and tight and twisty trails through grassy river red gum forests. Crews will encounter dust, mud, yumps, creek crossings, gates that will need to be opened (and shut), all of which reflect some of the features of historic rallying and the unique challenges that the Rich River forests have to offer.

While expecting the bulk of the field to be made up of regular HRA crews, the organisers are looking to make the event highly appealing to those outside the club by making the navigation much less arduous than for usual HRA events. As well as three fully route charted stages, modern, large scale and easy-to-read maps will be provided and these will be pre-plotted. The usual 30 minute penalty for missing a via point or reaching it from the wrong direction (WD) have been drastically reduced to just 15 and 10 points respectively.

The rally commences with a short display of the 'Historic cars in the Historic Port' area of Echuca. Crews will head off from event headquarters at the Bridge Hotel, with an afternoon touring stage of approx 100km with cars leaving at 1 minute intervals.

After a dinner break back at the Historic Port area, crews will tackle the nights stages at 2 minute intervals, following the theme of the early stages from the 1977 Datsun Riverland (30th anniversary this year) and using the original route charts as much as possible.

A post event function will be held at the Bridge Hotel, with provisional presentations, meals and plenty of time for catching up with other competitors and officials and enjoying some great socialising and story-telling into the wee small hours.

With plenty of accommodation available within walking distance of the Bridge, competitors and officials alike can then enjoy a leisurely Sunday morning sampling the many attractions of the Echuca Moama district before and then heading home after lunch.

Of course, officials are always needed and a weekend in the Echuca Moama district, away from the intensity of a southern Victoria winter, should be a great attraction (and reward) for those who can make themselves available. Registering is easy – just visit the officials section of the website at <http://vicrallychampionship.com.au/competitors.php> and fill in your details, or contact Event Director Stuart Snooks.

Further details and Supp Regs are available at the Rich River page of the HRA website at <http://www.hra.org.au/comingEvents/2007/2007RichRiver.asp>

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Presidents Report

After bragging last month that we would be running a Motorkhana locally for the first time in two and a half years, the weather conspired against us and the event had to be cancelled at short notice. My apologies to anybody who was inconvenienced by the lateness of the cancellation, being optimists we were convinced we could make something happen right up until the last minute. We are now going to wait until the dryer times to try again at Tooradin.

John Carney has sent in a submission he intends to put to the club meeting on Thursday night. Have a look over his proposal and see if you can add any ideas, we will welcome as much input as possible into the training and licencing of officials. Those members who are on the Vic Rally Egroup will be aware of concerns expressed on that site over the last few weeks.

Also on the agenda for the next meeting is an address by Chris Stonard from Nowet Car Wash who will show us how to wash our car without any water. Very timely given we are still on water restrictions , even though there's plenty of water at Tooradin.

Also in this edition is an article on the Rich River Rally at Echuca. The H.R.A. would welcome some help with this event so if you're looking for a great weekend away give the Director a call. Echuca is certainly a nice spot to base yourself to enjoy all the action.

John Hill

For discussion at our August club meeting.

To All Members of PAC

I would like to propose a plan to help gain more officials for the Yakkerboo Rally by way of an introduction to Rallying.

My proposal is to hold an event on a Saturday or Sunday that would be informative, educational and also encompass a social aspect as well.

We would have a current High profile competitor speak on the competitors view point and then some one from the State Officiating Panel bring us up to date with the latest on Officials licensing and then we would run the generic study model so that people could complete this and an application for their licence on the day.

One other thing that we have done in the past courtesy of Nick & Glad is to educate people in the use of Rally clocks, road books rally boards , methods of timing etc. This must make a newbie official much more comfortable at their first event and also a great refresher for those that haven't been to a rally for a while.

I also feel that we could create goodwill by inviting Clerk of Course for Rally of Melbourne Alan McKay to address the assembly on working at Rally of Melbourne.

I am also proposing that anyone who is not a member of our club or another club would be granted associate membership free of charge so long as they work at our Yakkerboo Rally.

The social aspect would be a free BBQ at lunchtime followed at finish/afternoon tea of tea, coffee, cakes and possibly even a beer.

These ideas may counter some of the negatives explored on the rally "E" group lately and show some leadership which is not forthcoming from the Rally Panel

Just my thoughts

John Carney