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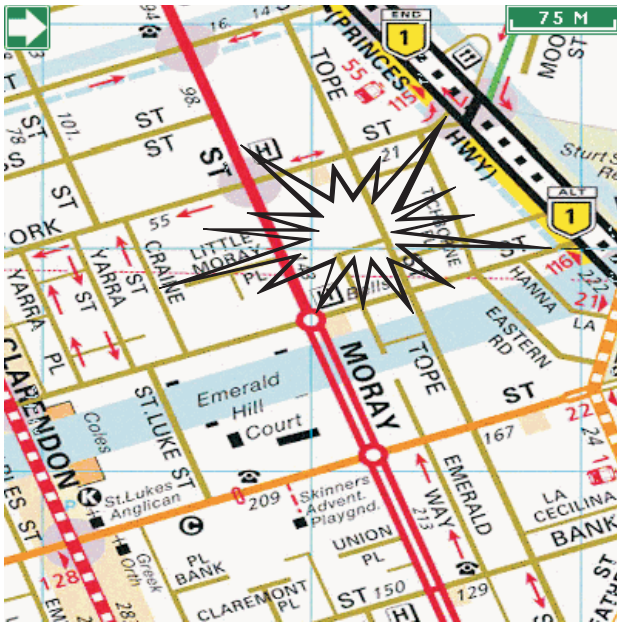
CCRMIT Member Glen Raymond has been named Australian Motorsport Personality of the Year at the end-of-season CAMS Awards!! Judging by the photos, he got to take home something sparkly AND a trophy!!

Next Meeting: 12th February 2009

General Club Nights are held at 8pm on the Second Thursday of each month at :

Bells Hotel

Corner of Coventry & Moray Streets,
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Presidential Report

January 2008

Hi CCRMIT'ers

Hope that you have all had a safe & enjoyable Christmas & New Year season, and are gearing up for a ripper in 2009 on the rallying roads!

The big addition for 2009, is that CCRMIT has now become a member of the Victorian AutoCross series, and will be represented by Andrew Roseman.. Once he gets his feet a little dirty he'll be able to share more info, but essentially the series allows any competitor with any car (even street cars with limited additions) to compete over the short course tracks. Entries are pretty cheap, being around the \$50-60 mark, which if you don't quite have the budget to do the VCRS or VRC, should still hopefully allow you to get out and have some fun!

The other good news, pending a club working bee to remove & installing the replacement engine), I'm donating the now retired black Hyundai Accent to the club for use as a motorkana car, and use in the autocross series for those game enough to sit in it! It won't be a Red Rocket, but one day it might have a name as good as it!

Finally, start putting aside thinking & action time, for how you might be able to assist in running this years George Derrick, which is intended to run as a VRC/VCRS round. I'll be looking for Stage Commanders, Road Closures, control officials etc.. Then of course we'll be needing helping hands to prepare prior to the event & packing it all down afterwards as well! Ready to commit, or have questions, hit up Mike, Ross, or myself..

See you all on the 2nd Thursday of February for the first club night of the year! Starting 8pm, so we can fit a few bar brakes back in!

Cheers,

Pres Jimbo.



Quick Note From An Editor

Happy New year to you all.

I hope Santa was kind to everyone, and that you haven't all put on so much weight from turkey and pudding that you don't fit into your driving suits!

Another year and another dozen or so Blowers. Please make it your new years resolution to send me in things to include in order to keep this publication at the pinnacle of monthly motorsport publications.

Also, just in case it escaped anyone's attention, CCRMIT member Glen Raymond won the CAMS Motorsport Personality of the Year. This months front cover is a few photos from the night.

Glen seems genuinely surprised to win the award, and it got me thinking what does it take to win such a prize. It was pointed out to me that the last 3 winners (Simon, Sue and now Glen) all competed in a Toyota... But surely there has to be more to it than that. Terry Trewern and Matt Douglas are two club members that come to mind who have had an affair with Toyotas almost as long as Neal Bates, yet I don't see anyone asking them to front up for a calendar shoot. Then it came to me: All three, Simon, Sue and Glen have all been guest speakers at CCRMIT club nights at one time or another over the last few years. So that's it: "Cool by Association!". If you want to be popular just do something to get yourself invited to be a CCRMIT Guest Speaker.

Enough cr@p from me...

Read on...

MARK HOWARD-JONES

Co-Editor - The Blower

February Club Night

(There is NO JANUARY CLUB NIGHT)

First club night for the year is **12th February 2009** at Bells Hotel.

Be there by 8pm as there as we have a bit on including our opening special event for 2009.

CCRMIT 2009 Armchair Rally

For the first club night back we will be holding an 'Armchair Rally'. This is a fun night to come and practice your navigational skills and for the new members of the club yet to contend a VCRS rally series, this night IS INVALUABLE in teaching you what you need to know before you roll to the start line.

For those who haven't been to one of these, you will be given a map and some route instructions, and you will need to plot your way around the route. Likely to be conducted in teams of one or two, nominating in either the novice or the experts class, with some prizes for the most creative and most accurate route planning.

IF YOU ARE A NOVICE NAVIGATOR and would like some help on the night to learn the ropes, please email Ormie andrew.ormesher@optusnet.com.au and he will organise for some 'Nav School Instructors' to be available to help you out!

YOU WILL NEED TO BRING: Pens, pencils, highlighters, sticky dots, a roamer, squishy stress relief ball... the usual stuff you need when you're plotting at a real rally.



Plotting a rally can be a
BRAIN SPAZ...
But mainly it's just **FUN**

Also on the Night

Christmas Talk

(find out what everyone got from Santa)

VCAS Talk

(now we're a member club)

Rally Talk

(what season 2009 holds for us all)

Bar Breaks

(a time honored CCRMIT tradition)

Mystery Buckets

(your chance to win bizarre and wonderful prizes)



A motorist runs a red light and is photographed by an automated police camera. In the mail a short time later, he receives a photo of his car committing the infraction and a citation for \$150. Instead of paying the fine, the motorist mails the police department a photograph of three 50 dollar notes. Several days later, he gets a letter back from the police department. Inside is a photograph of a pair of handcuffs.

CCRMIT Joins the Victorian Club Autocross Series (VCAS)

CCRMIT is proud to announce that we are now a member Club of VCAS. What Does this mean to you. Well, if you're a member who competes in VCAS events you can now race for the honor of your Car Club. If you haven't competed at Autocross before, now is your chance to have a run and some fun with your Car Club.

Auto Cross is pretty much the cheapest loose surface motor sport you can compete in with entries at about \$55, and vehicle requirements minimal. There are classes to cater for all comers in all cars from wreckers bombs (provided it meets safety requirements) through road registered (drive to the event, compete, then drive it home) to full-bore rally cars and autocross specials.

It's also a great opportunity to do some light testing on a rally car, or run that sort-of-nearly-finished-one-day rally car you have in the garage... or even let your crew, partner or co-driver have a drive of your car in a safe but competitive setting.

For more information regarding "CCRMIT & VCAS" contact our VCAS rep: Andrew Roseman, aroseman@phoenix-ag.com.au or phone 0413307766

VCAS 2009 PROVISIONAL CALENDAR

(Updated 6/11/08)

(Bold is confirmed)

Round 1	February 28th	DSCC (Deniliquin) Sat Twilight
Round 2	March 15th	KCC (Kyneton)
Round 3	April 19th	BCC (Bendigo)
Round 4	May 17th	MMSC (Melton)
	<i>June 6th/7th</i>	<i>SHSCC (Swan Hill) Practice Event</i>
Round 5	June 20th	PAC (Maffra) Sat Twilight
Round 6	July 25th	MADCC (Maffra) Sat Twilight
Round 7	August 22nd	CCC (Bendigo) Sat Daylight
Round 8	September 27 th	SDCC (Shepparton)
Round 9	October 18th	FFCC (Melton) (or Spare Date)
Round 10	November 8th	NCCA (Melton)

Note that the e-group for the VCAS is at http://groups.yahoo.com/group/VCAS_Autocross/

CCRMIT Membership Report

Please use the membership form (on the back of the Blower or website) and fill it out **IN FULL** even if it's just a renewal (Tick the renewal box)... and plllleeeaaassee print clearly.

Due	LastName	FirstName	Expiry
<i>60 Days</i>	Welsh	Mike	08/02/09
	Kaitler	Brenton	09/02/09
	Khurram Beg	Mirza	18/02/09

Seymour	Tom	28/02/09
Reynolds	Tim	28/02/09
Pannam	Andrew	28/02/09
Ormesher	Andrew	28/02/09
Groves	Nadine	28/02/09
Gates	David	28/02/09
Bachmann	Simone	28/02/09

****Please Note:**

There is a little bit of a hold up with the new Membership cards. If you have renewed in last month or so and haven't yet received your new card, don't despair. I hope to have them to you soon. In the mean time if you plan to do an event and you haven't yet received your new card, fire me an email mark_hj@dairally.com and I'll issue cover letter to authenticate your membership for event documentation.

Victorian Rally Dinner 2009

Date: Saturday Feb 7th 2009

Time: 6:30pm till late

Venue: Fitzroy Town Hall,
201 Napier St, Fitzroy.

Three course Meal, drinks included

Tickets \$ 75.00 under 13 \$ 40.00

Trophy Presentation for VRC and VCRS

Ian and Val Swan, illustrated talk on 2007 East African Safari.

AV presentation from Golly, John and Nathan.

Payment & Bookings:

Cheques: 85 Warrawee Circuit Frankston 3199

Credit Card and transfers: Fran Lambie (03)97765520
0425 725 555

Banking is being done thru CAMS

Tables (Seat 10) can be reserved all other seating unallocated.

Those who reserve a table can make arrangement with David 042739717 Re having supplementary alcohol served at the table.

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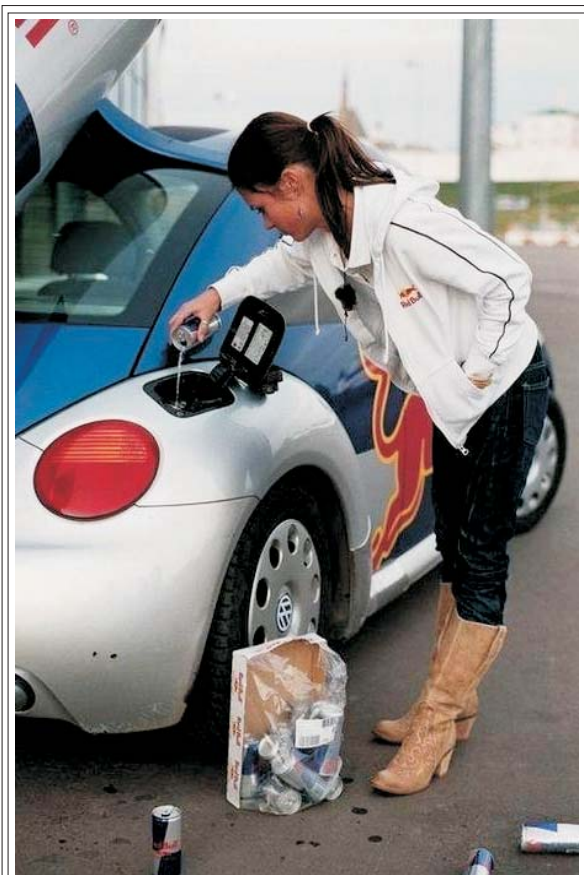
**CCRMIT IS DISCOUNTING RALLY DINNER
TICKETS FOR CURRENT CCRMIT MEMBERS!**

On behalf of CCRMIT, Andrew Ormesher is organising some reserved tables for CCRMIT members and guests. Tickets to these tables are being discounted from the usual price of \$75 to only **\$55 for CCRMIT Members.**

As a car club committee, we are constantly being asked, "what do I get for my membership?" ... well, here's one of the things you get! Cheap tickets and organized table seating.

Call Andrew (0402 825 131), or email him at andrew.ormesher@optusnet.com.au to let him know how many seats you would like - he will organise it with you from there. Easy as!

YOU MUST GET YOUR ORDER IN BY JANUARY 16!!! NO EXCEPTIONS!



Red Bull vitalizes the mind???

The Drive-Thru Top 10

1. Drive through backwards.
2. Change a flat tire in the drive-thru lane.
3. Place your order to "have here"..
4. Repeat everything the order taker says.
5. Drive through with a carload of naked people.
6. Order confusing items, i.e., "Hi, I'll have a large orange Coke and a small medium fries, please".
7. In a crowded drive-thru line, place a HUGE order, then slip out of line and watch the fun as the person behind you is handed 40 bags of food.
8. Speak in such a garbled fashion that the order-taker will think there is a problem with the speaker and ask you to order at the window. When you arrive at the window, speak in the same garbled, incomprehensible fashion.
9. Have a friend hide in the boot. When you approach the window to pickup your order, have him start yelling and banging his fists on the boot lid.
10. If you are a male, have a female friend place the order by speaking VERY seductively and suggestively into the speaker. When she finishes, have her hide and pull up to accept your order. See how many of the order-takers fellow employees have been called over to the window to "check out the babe".



RALLYING

Like drag racing but with jumps, turns, snow, mud, gravel, skill and balls.

Renewal

New Membership



CCRMIT 2007

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

CCRMIT Inc. A0049540G

Name: _____

Address

No. Street: _____

Town: _____

State: _____ Post Code: _____

Contact Details

Business Phone No: _____

Home A/H Phone No: _____

Mobile Phone No: _____

Fax No: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Blower Format: postal | email | both

This section for Club use only

Member number _____

Payment method _____

Cheque Number _____

Entered into database _____

Card prepared _____

Card sent _____

Expiry Date ___ / ___ / ___

Officials Licence

Yes | No

If Yes what Grades ie V4: _____

As of 1st of July 2006 all officials need to be licensed through CAMS. This licence can be obtained from CAMS for free. For further information please call Officials Hotline 1300 657 673 or visit www.cams.com.au

Membership Types:

1 Year	3 Year	
\$15	*	Full time RMIT students
\$20	*	Part time RMIT students
\$20	*	Full time student (other university)
\$30	\$80	Full CCRMIT Member
\$40	\$110	Couple/Family living at one address
\$10	\$30	per additional family member at same address

* Not available

Membership type requested: _____

Amount paid: _____

Cheques made payable to "CCRMIT"

Please return this form to:

Membership Secretary - CCRMIT
5 Donday Crt
Pakenham 3810
Phone 0412 510 057

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